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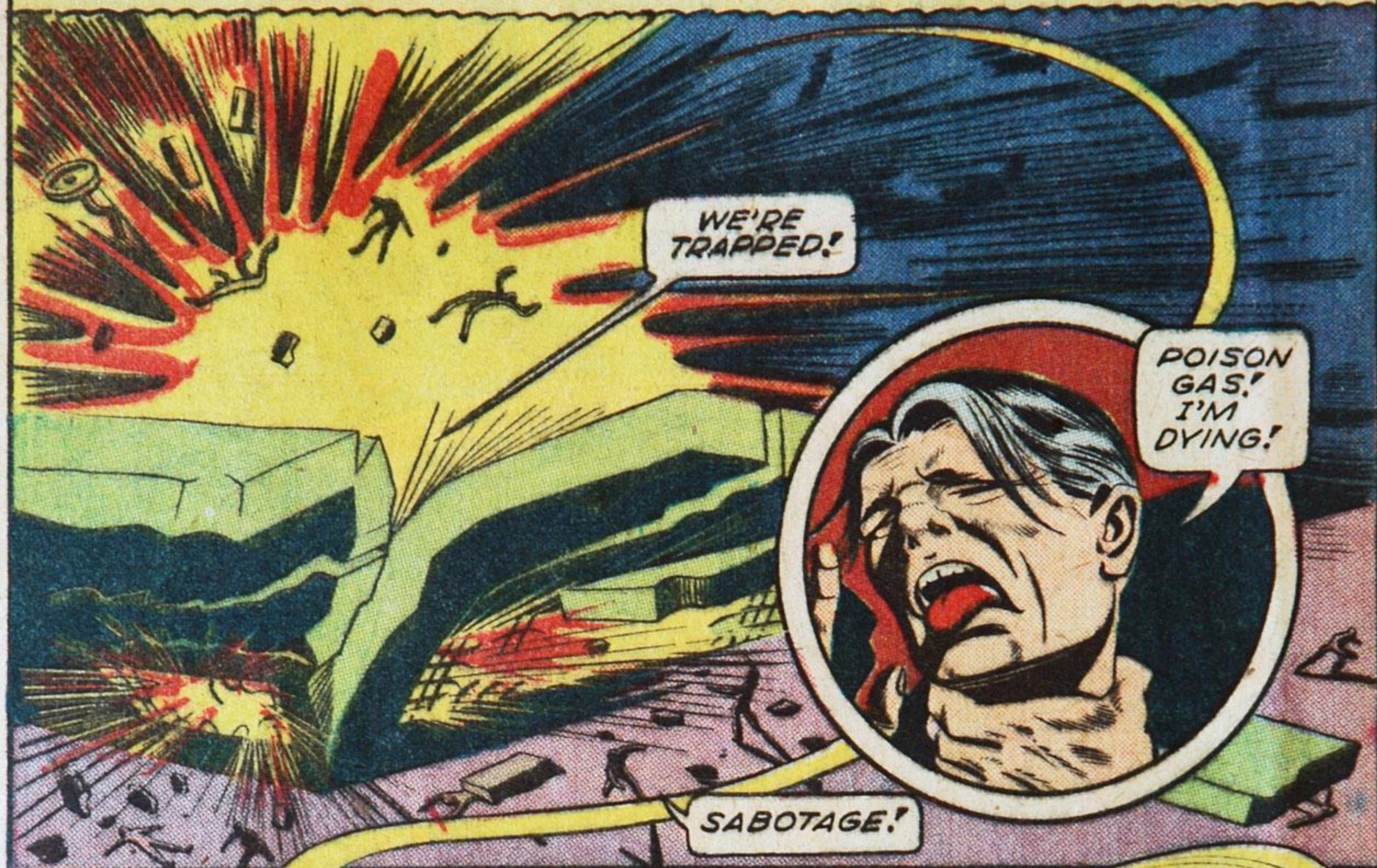
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THE HUMAN TORCH

FOLLOW THE DANGEROUS, ADVENTURE--PACKED
TRAIL AS TORCH AND TORO STALK THE...
"SKY DEMONS OVER AMERICA!"



OUT OF THE NIGHT, STARK TRAGEDY STRIKES SWIFTLY! SUDDENLY... A DEFENSE PLANT BECOMES A RAGING INFERNO.....



WE'RE TRAPPED!

POISON GAS!
I'M DYING!

SABOTAGE!

4 ONCE THRILLING NEW JERSEY FARM, IS NOW BARREN, WITHERED.....



CAN'T SEE HOW THOSE BOMBERS GOT PAST GENERAL SANDER'S ARTILLERY FIRE AND BARRAGE BALLOONS!

IT'S GOT ME TOO!

FORD SANDERS, BRILLIANT GENERAL IN COMMAND OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY, GIVES THE FLAME FLYERS AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT!

SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT ANYTHING BEYOND THE RANGE OF OUR SEARCH-LIGHT BATTERIES! REPORT YOUR FINDINGS DIRECTLY TO ME!

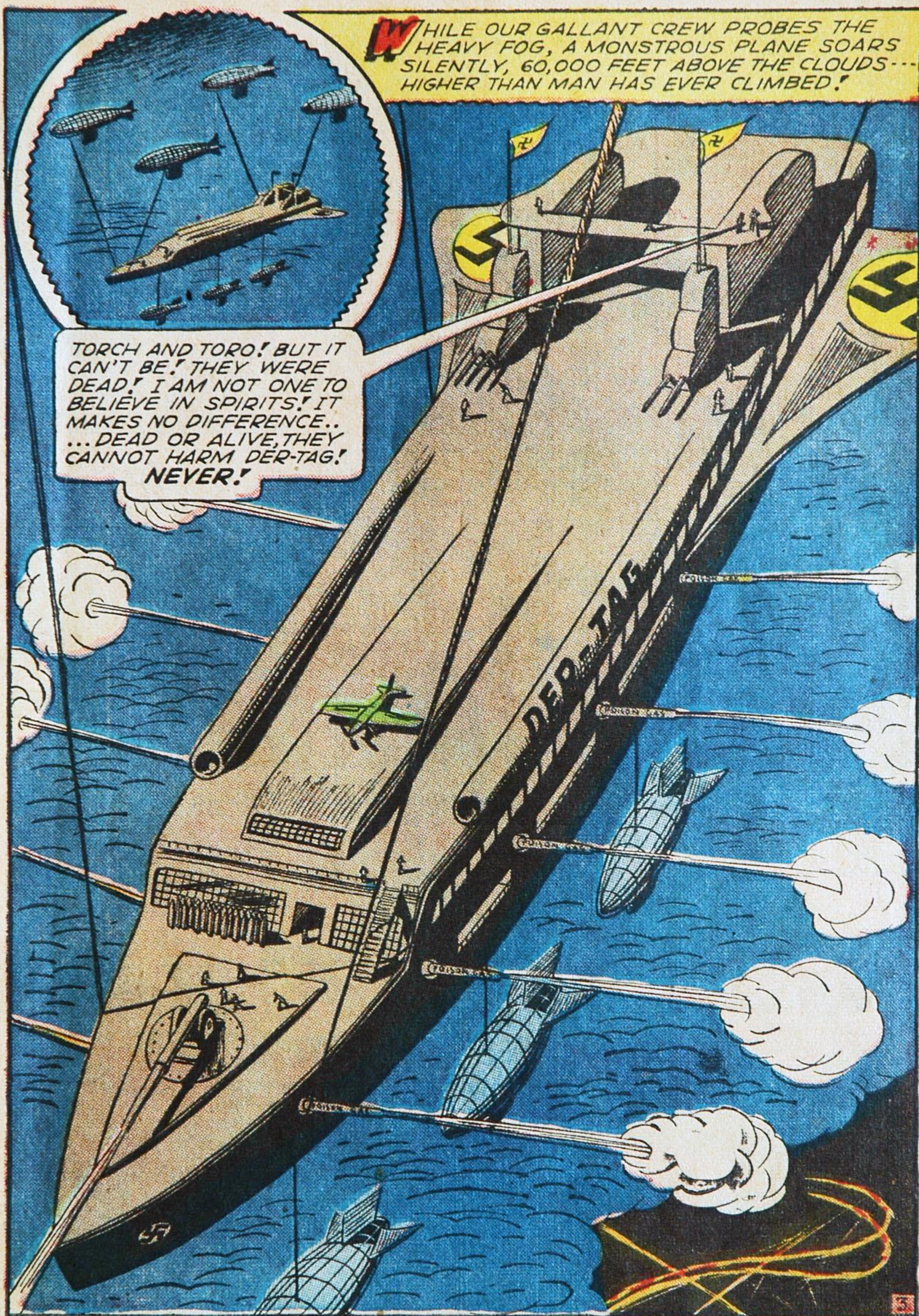
CAN YOU MAKE IT OUT, TORCH? BOMBS, POISON GAS--BUT NO ENEMY PLANES---

THIS IS SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE IN BLACK MAGIC AND VOODOOISM!



WHILE OUR GALLANT CREW PROBES THE HEAVY FOG, A MONSTROUS PLANE SOARS SILENTLY, 60,000 FEET ABOVE THE CLOUDS... HIGHER THAN MAN HAS EVER CLIMBED!

TORCH AND TORO! BUT IT CAN'T BE! THEY WERE DEAD! I AM NOT ONE TO BELIEVE IN SPIRITS! IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE... DEAD OR ALIVE, THEY CANNOT HARM DER-TAG! NEVER!



HERR HAWK, CRAFTY, CUNNING DESIGNER
OF THIS FLYING BOAT, GLOATS EVILLY....

I, THE HAWK, HAVE
CREATED THE GREATEST
WEAPON IN HISTORY--
A BOAT PLANE
THAT CAN DESTROY--
DESTROY!!

DER-TAG IS SAFE FROM
DETECTION! NOW TO MOVE
ON TO PARALYZE AMERICA
WITH FIRE, BOMBS, EXPLO-
SIONS, GAS--TO DRY UP
HER RESERVOIRS---TO
CRIPPLE AND KILL!!

THE DARING DUO RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS
WHILE THE IMPENETRABLE SKY WRAITH
CONTINUES ITS UNHOLLY MISSION....

THOSE KILLERS HAVE
WON THE FIRST ROUND,
BUT---I KNOW,
TORCH, YOU
COULDN'T
FIND A
THING!

NO! BUT
I'VE GOT
AN
IDEA!

TELL US
ABOUT
IT, TORCH!
EVERY
IDEA
HELPS!

IN ORDER TO RECONSTRUCT
THE PICTURE, I'LL HAVE TO
GO INTO A LENGTHY STORY!

".....ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, J. EDGAR HOOVER CALLED TORO AND ME INTO HIS
OFFICE AND TOLD US VITAL WAR MATERIALS WERE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING--
HE ASKED US TO COOPERATE WITH F.B.I. --- WITH NO CLUES TO GUIDE US, WE
WERE FLAMING BACK TO OUR HOTEL, WHEN, FLYING OVER LONG ISLAND---

HEAR ANYTHING, TORO?
SOUNDS LIKE A WIRELESS
TO ME--LISTEN!

NO, I CAN'T
HEAR A
THING!

"...NEVERTHELESS,
I WAS CERTAIN I
HEARD THE SOUNDS
OF A WIRELESS! I
DECIDED TO
INVESTIGATE ---"

WELL, I'LL
BE--- YOU'RE
RIGHT, TORCH! IT
IS A WIRELESS!

WE'VE
STEPPED
INTO SOME-
THING--BUT WHAT?

"WE WERE ALMOST CERTAIN THAT WE HAD STUM-BLED UPON A LAWLESS STATION, BUT THERE WAS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS GOVERNMENT OPERATED!"

THIS MIGHT BE A SECRET GOVERNMENT STATION --- NEVER CAN TELL -- WE'LL MAKE CERTAIN --

LOOK!! TORCH!!

"THROUGH THE ATTIC WINDOW, WE SAW A SCENE THAT CONVINCED US WE HAD STUMBLLED ACROSS A NEST OF NAZIS! WE WORKED FAST ---"

SEND THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR FUEHRER!

YOU HAVE ONLY TEMPORARILY POSTPONED DER TAG!



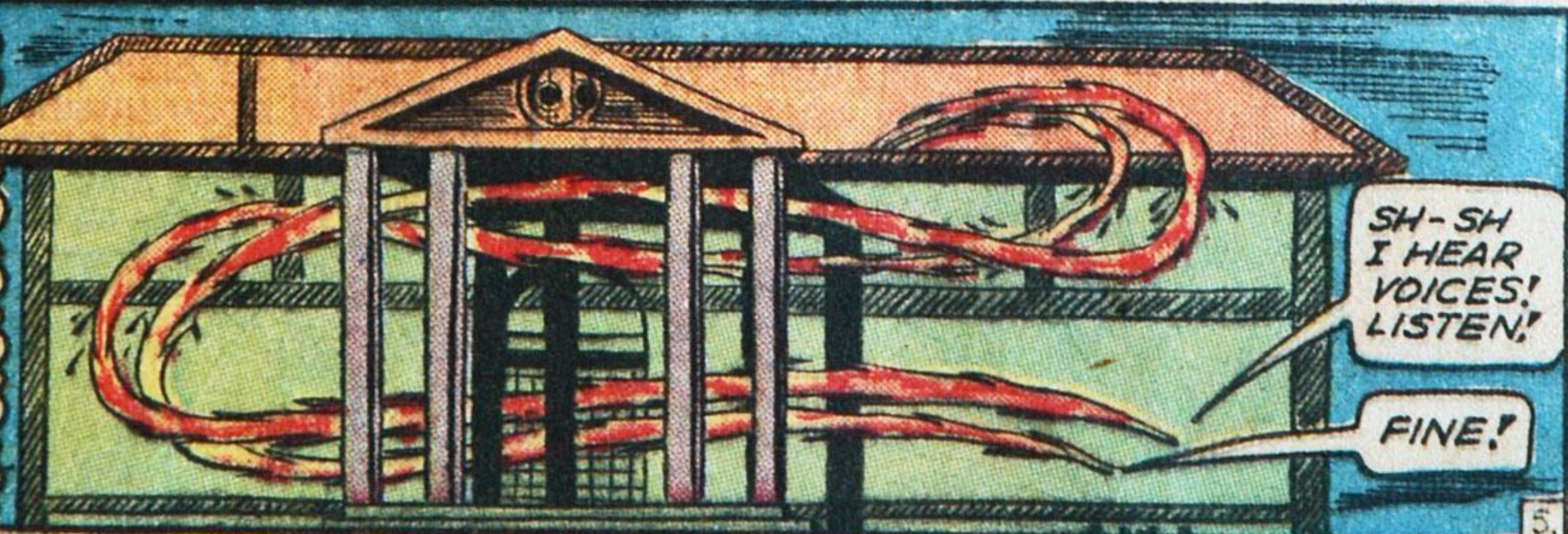
"WHILE WE WERE BUSY GIVING THE NAZIS A GOOD BELTING, THE HAWK, WHOM WE LEARNED WAS THE BRAINS OF THE OUTFIT WHISPERED--"

YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO HANS! NOTHING MUST STOP US!

THEY WILL DIE BEFORE THEY LEARN ANYTHING ELSE!

"SUDDENLY --- AS IF BY MAGIC --- THE NAZIS DISAPPEARED THROUGH SLIDING PANELS AND TRAP DOORS! WE FLAMED RIGHT THROUGH THE FLOOR ---"

"WE MADE A THOROUGH SEARCH, VIRTUALLY WRECKING THE MANSION BUT COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THE NAZIS, THEN ---"



SH-SH I HEAR VOICES! LISTEN!

FINE!

"THEY ARE BITING, BOYS," WE HEARD THE HAWK SAY! "HANS, AS SOON AS WE GET RID OF THEM, SEE IF YOU CAN REPAIR THE RADIO! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH 'DER-TAG!'"



"WE WERE GLAD WE HAD DESTROYED THEIR RADIO, BUT WERE PUZZLED BY REFERENCE TO 'DER-TAG,' AND DECIDED TO LOSE NO TIME IN LOCATING THOSE WILY RATS----"



THERE THEY ARE!

CORRECT SNOOPERS!

"JUST AS WE WERE MAKING A CIRCLE OF FLAME TO HOLD THEM, THEY DISAPPEARED AGAIN! WE HEARD A PANEL IN THE FLOOR SLAM----"

I SAW THAT PANEL CLOSE! COME ON, BOY!



"FLAMING THROUGH THE FLOOR, WE SAW THE HAWK AT THE END OF A LONG HALLWAY!"

SO LONG, YOU SUPER SLEUTHS!



"WE STREAKED AFTER THE HAWK AND HIS MEN! AGAIN THEY ELUDED US --- THEN --- WITHOUT WARNING ---"



"WE LANDED IN A DARK, AIRLESS DUNGEON --- WE WERE TRAPPED --- OUR FLAMES FLICKERED AND DIED COMPLETELY!"

THE WALLS ARE LINED WITH THICK ASBESTOS! THIS IS A DEATH TRAP --

WE CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER WITHOUT AIR! I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL GIDDY---



OUT OF WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE OUR DELIRIUM WE HEARD UNMISTAKABLE SOUNDS OF A GIRLS' PITEOUS MOANS, LOW AND AGONIZED... WE GROPED BLINDLY....



THERE IT IS AGAIN...
IT'S A GIRL! GOT
TO REACH HER...

I...I...CAN'T BREATHE,
TORCH! I'LL TRY TO
HELP....



"I TRIED TO
AROUSE
THE SEMI-
CONSCIOUS
GIRL AND
QUESTION
HER..HER
ANSWERS
CAME IN
SLOW
LABORIOUS
GASPS..."

HOW DID
YOU GET
HERE?
WHO
ARE
YOU?

THE...THE
HAWK...I ACCI-
DENTALLY FOUND
OUT HE WAS
STEALING DEFENSE
MATERIAL...
BARRAGE...
BALLOONS...
BLIMPS...

HE WAS BUILDING A SKY FORTIFI-
CATION...A SHANGRILA, HE
CALLED IT... OH...



"WE DISCOVERED SHE HAD A PURSE ...
WE DIDN'T DARE HOPE...BUT..."

EUREKA!
A NAIL FILE!
IF WE CAN
DIG THRU THAT
ASBESTOS
WALL...GET
SOME AIR...

"WE TOOK
TURNS
DIGGING
UNTIL
TORO
COLLAPSED!
I HAD TO
CONTINUE
THE
GRUELLING
OPERATION
ALONE..."

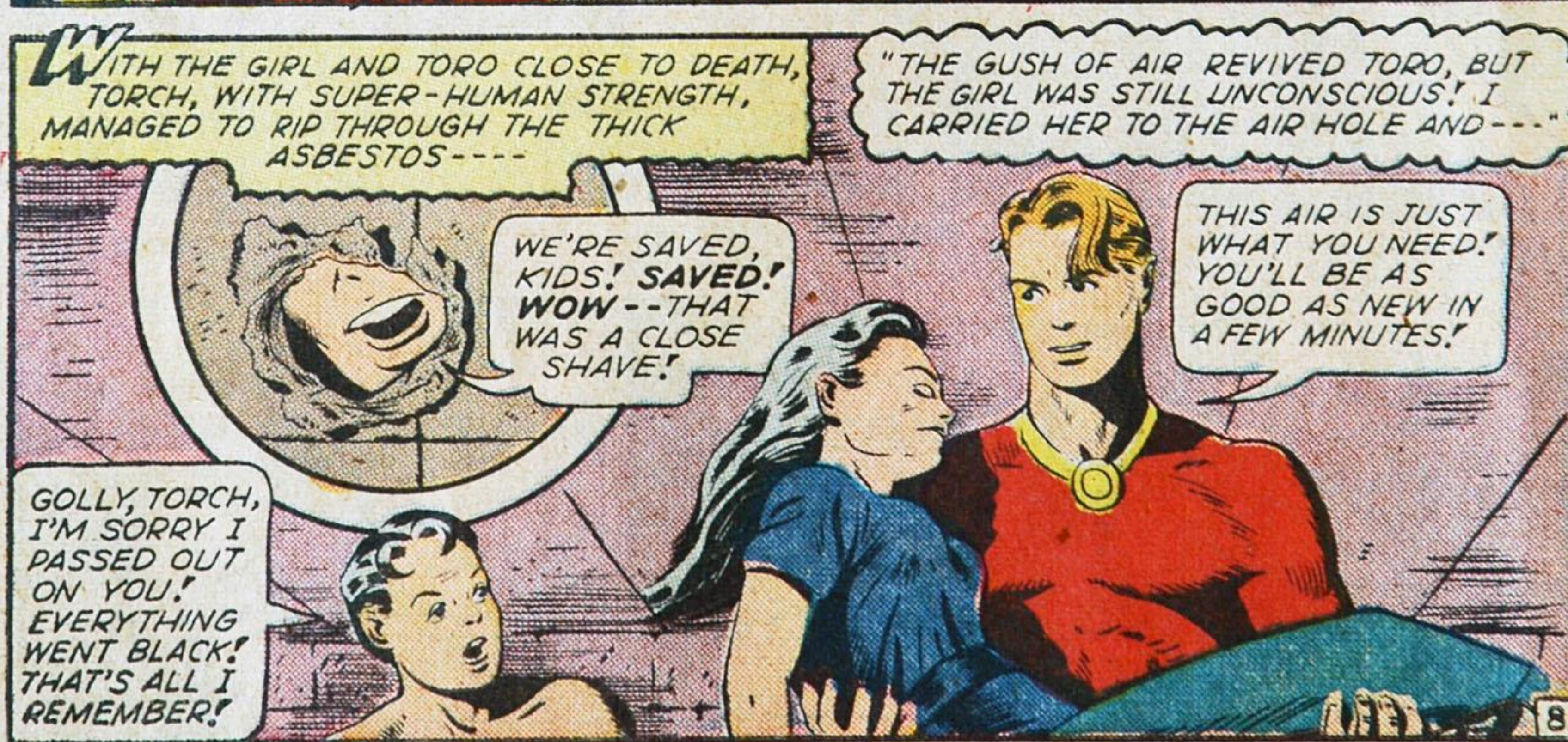
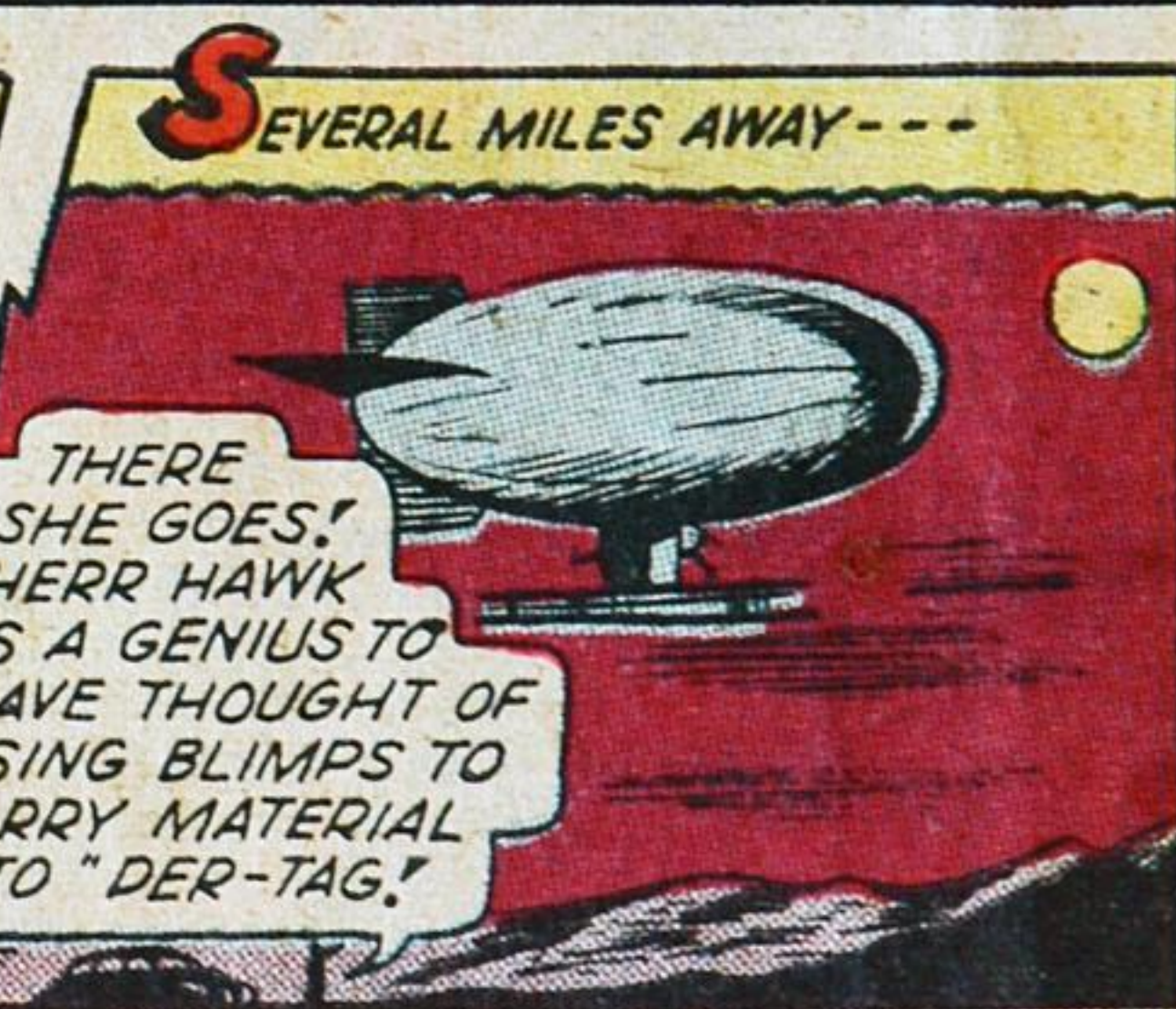
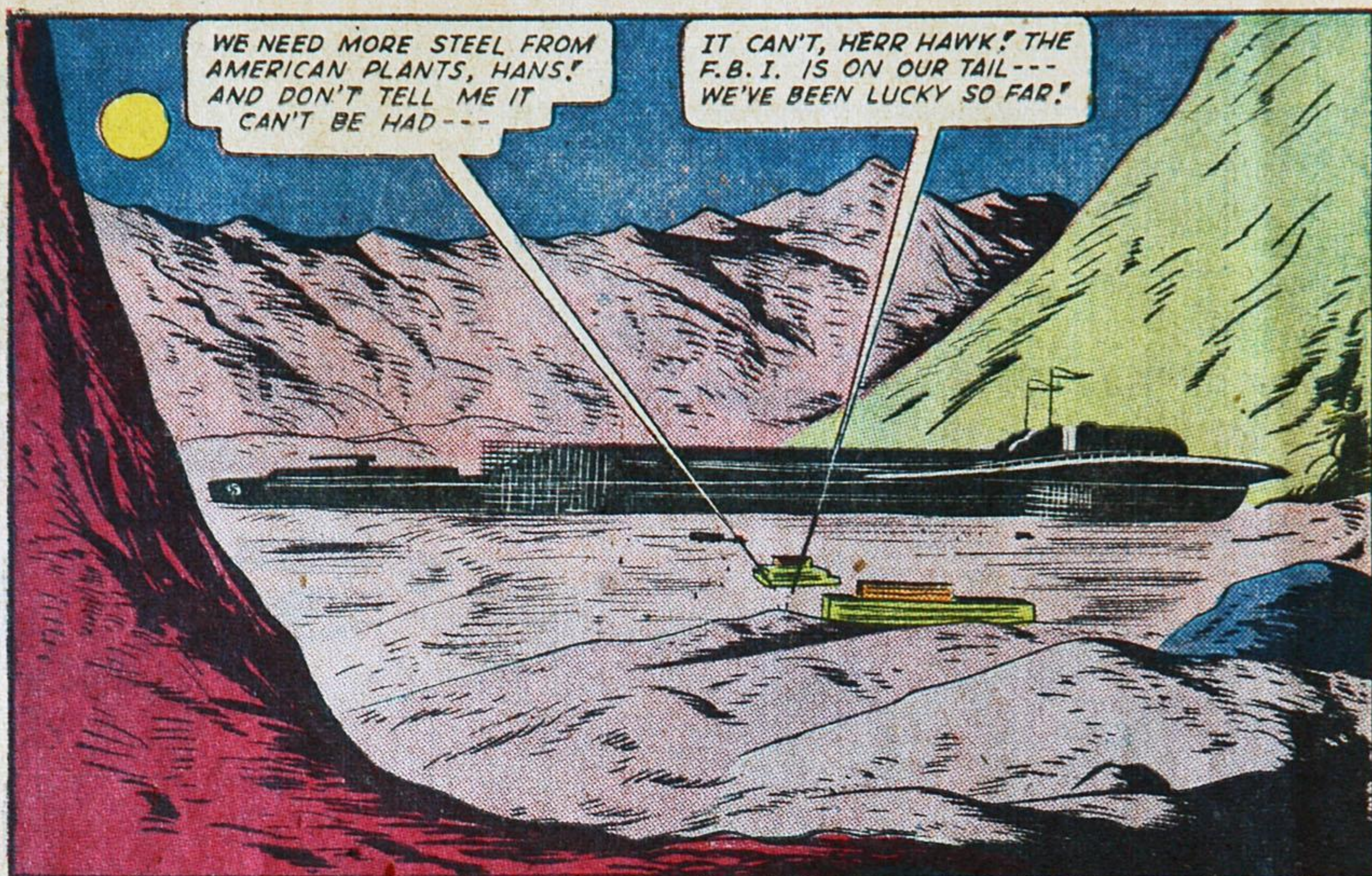
WE'LL MAKE IT!
WE'VE GOT TO...

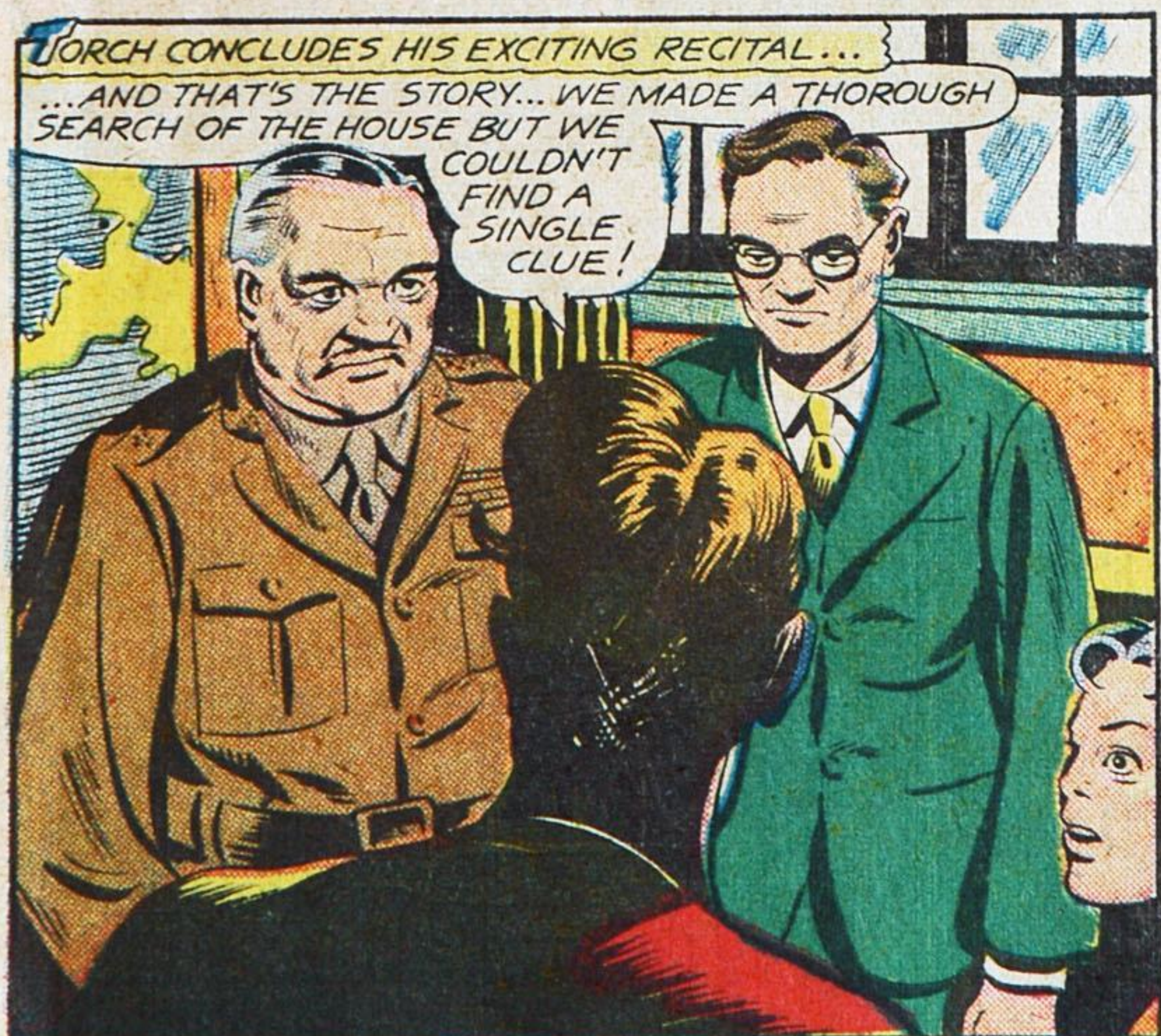
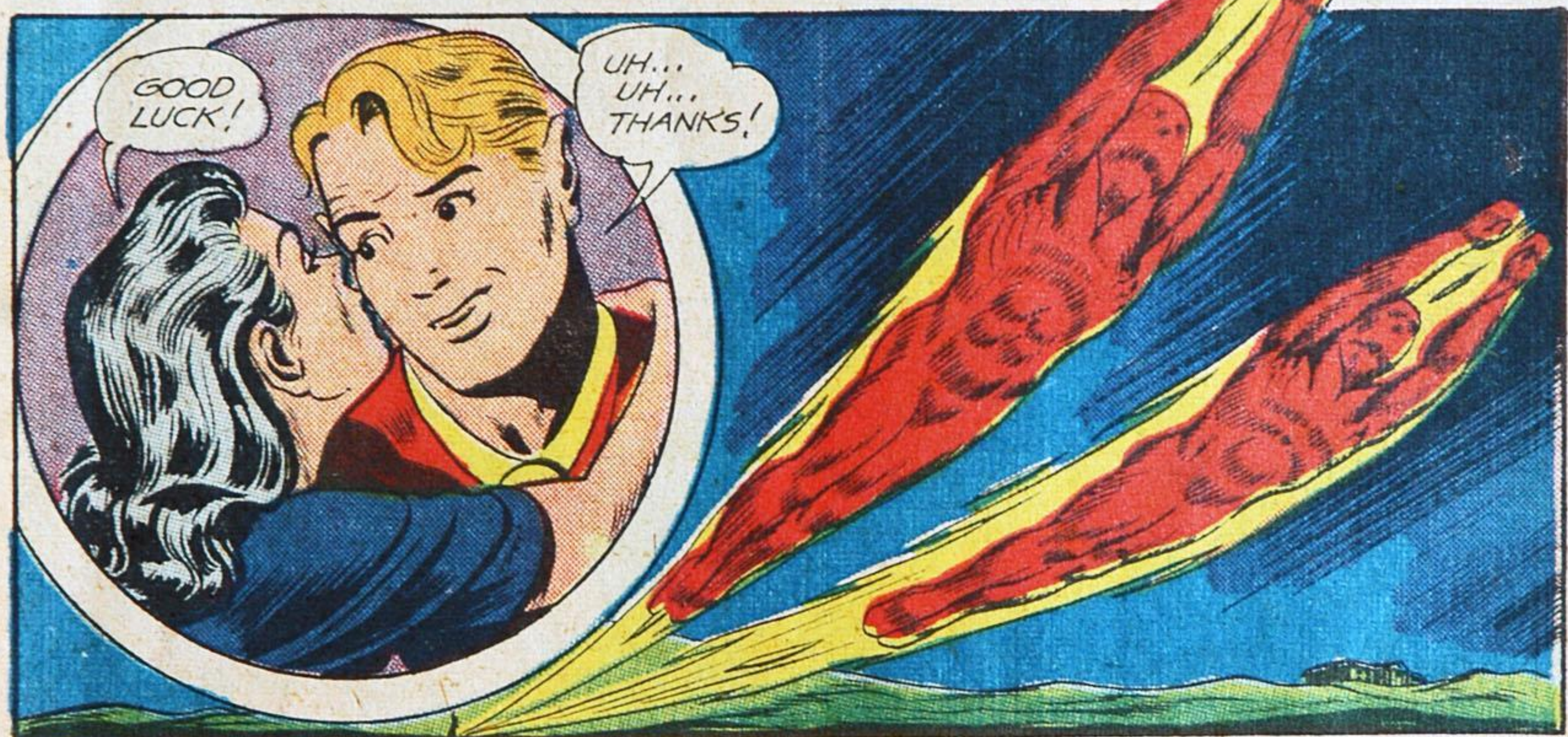
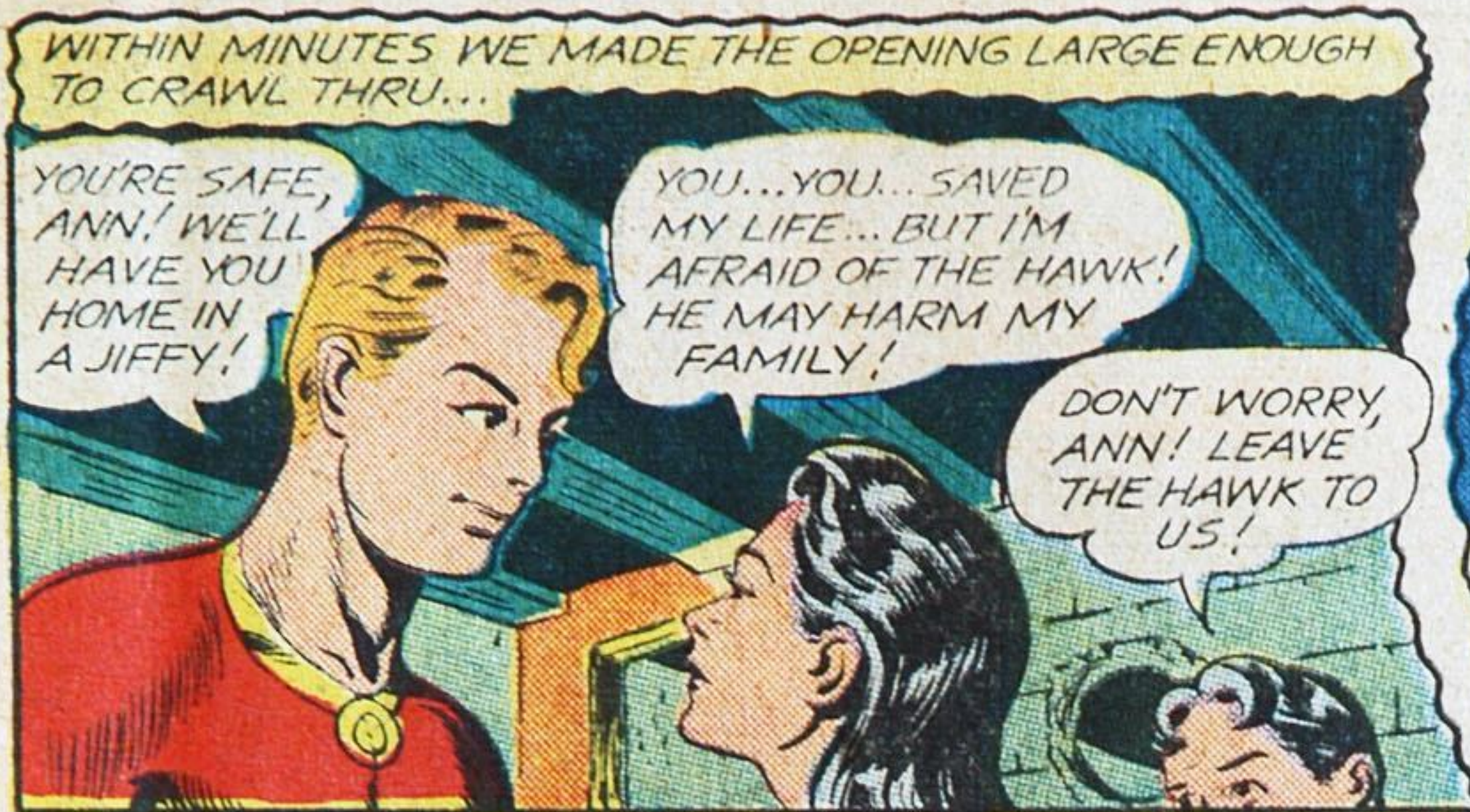


WHILE TORCH
FEVERISHLY
ATTEMPTS TO
PENETRATE
THE ASBESTOS,
THE HAWK
AND HIS
MEN ABANDON
THEIR HIDEOUT
AND

WE HAVE LOST PRECIOUS HOURS BUT DER TAG IS ALMOST
COMPLETED AND WE'LL NOT BE TROUBLED BY
THOSE PESTS ANY MORE!

NOTHING
OR NOBODY
CAN STOP US
NOW!





MILES FROM CIVILIZATION, IN A MOUNTAINOUS ALMOST UNREACHABLE REGION, WE SEE A STRANGE SIGHT....

IN THE NAME OF OUR BELOVED FUEHRER, I CHRISTEN THIS BOAT PLANE **DER-TAG**! SHE WILL AVENGE THE BLOOD SPILLED ON OUR FAR FLUNG BATTLE FIELDS....

THREE CHEERS FOR **DER-TAG**! HURRAH! HURRAH! HURRAH!

FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER "**DER TAG**" MOVES... DROPPING DEATH CARGOES ON HELPLESS CITIES, VILLAGES, DEFENSE PLANTS...

SEE! WE ARE MASTERS OVER AMERICAN SKIES! WHAT GOOD IS THEIR RADAR! THEIR BARRAGE BALLOONS! THEIR CIVILIAN DEFENSE! NOTHING CAN REACH US AT THIS HEIGHT!

HA! HA! IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!

ENOUGH.... ENOUGH OF THE BOMBS! WE NOW GIVE OUR ATTENTION TO DRYING UP THEIR DAMS! HANS... SEE THAT THE CHEMICALS ARE IN THE SUCTION PUMPS....

THE WRECKAGE OF PLANTS AND THE TOLL OF LIFE MOUNTS... DETROIT, LATEST SCENE OF THE HAWKS MURDEROUS RAMPAGE, FINDS **TORCH** AND **TORO** ABOVE THE SMOKING RUINS....

THIS CAN'T GO ON FOREVER!

IT WON'T! THEY WORK BY A PATTERN, BOMBING AND SPRAYING GAS ONLY ON DARK FOGGY NIGHTS!

I COULD GET RID OF THOSE FOOLS NOW BUT IF WE DID NOT KILL THEM THEY'D KNOW WE WERE MILES ABOVE THEM!

TAKE ONE OF THE BLIMPS AND GET ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST SIX MONTHS...AND... REMEMBER THE WINE, CHAMPAGNE AND WHISKEY...

WE WILL CELEBRATE AS AMERICA IS COMPLETELY ANNIHILATED! AND THEN COMES ENGLAND... RUSSIA... **THE WHOLE WORLD!**

TORCH AND TORO ABOUT TO CALL IT A NIGHT, NOTICE A BLIMP IN THE DISTANCE...

AM I DREAMING, TORCH? WHAT'S THAT BLIMP DOING IN THE AIR? GENERAL SANDERS CALLED OFF THE HUNT HOURS AGO!

BLIMP, TORO! **THE HAWK!** ANN SAID HE STOLE BLIMPS! LET'S FOLLOW!

THE FLAMING DUO WATCH...

IT'S HANS!

HANS SPOTS THE PAIR....

HE'S ARMED! WONDER WHERE THEY'RE HEADING...

HOLD THAT FLAME BALL! WE'VE GOT TO LEARN WHERE THEY CAME FROM... LET'S LET THEM KNOCK US OUT!

SO THEY KNOW! BUT NOT EVERYTHING!

THIS WILL HOLD YOU FOR A WHILE!

WE'D BETTER GO BACK TO DER TAG! WE CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE CHANCES!

OOOOOH...

IT WAS WORTH A BUMP ON THE HEAD... WHEN THE BLIMP GETS A LITTLE HIGHER WE'LL FOLLOW THEM!

THE BLIMP RETURNS....

DON'T WORRY, HERR HAWK! WE BUMPED INTO TORCH AND TORO AND KILLED THEM!

YOU BLUNDERING BLUBBERING IDIOTS! FOR YOUR SAKE, I HOPE YOU DID!

AND HOW DID YOU KILL THEM? SHOT THEM I SUPPOSE!

NO... NO... WE HIT THEM OVER THE HEAD WITH OUR GUN BUTTS... WE SAW BLOOD!

SO YOU SAW BLOOD... IDIOTS! NOTHING CAN KILL THAT PAIR... WE'RE PROBABLY BEING PAGED RIGHT NOW... WE'LL MOVE ON! DROP BOMBS... EVERYTHING... WE WILL RAZE EVERYTHING BENEATH US AND THEN TRAVEL TO ENGLAND!

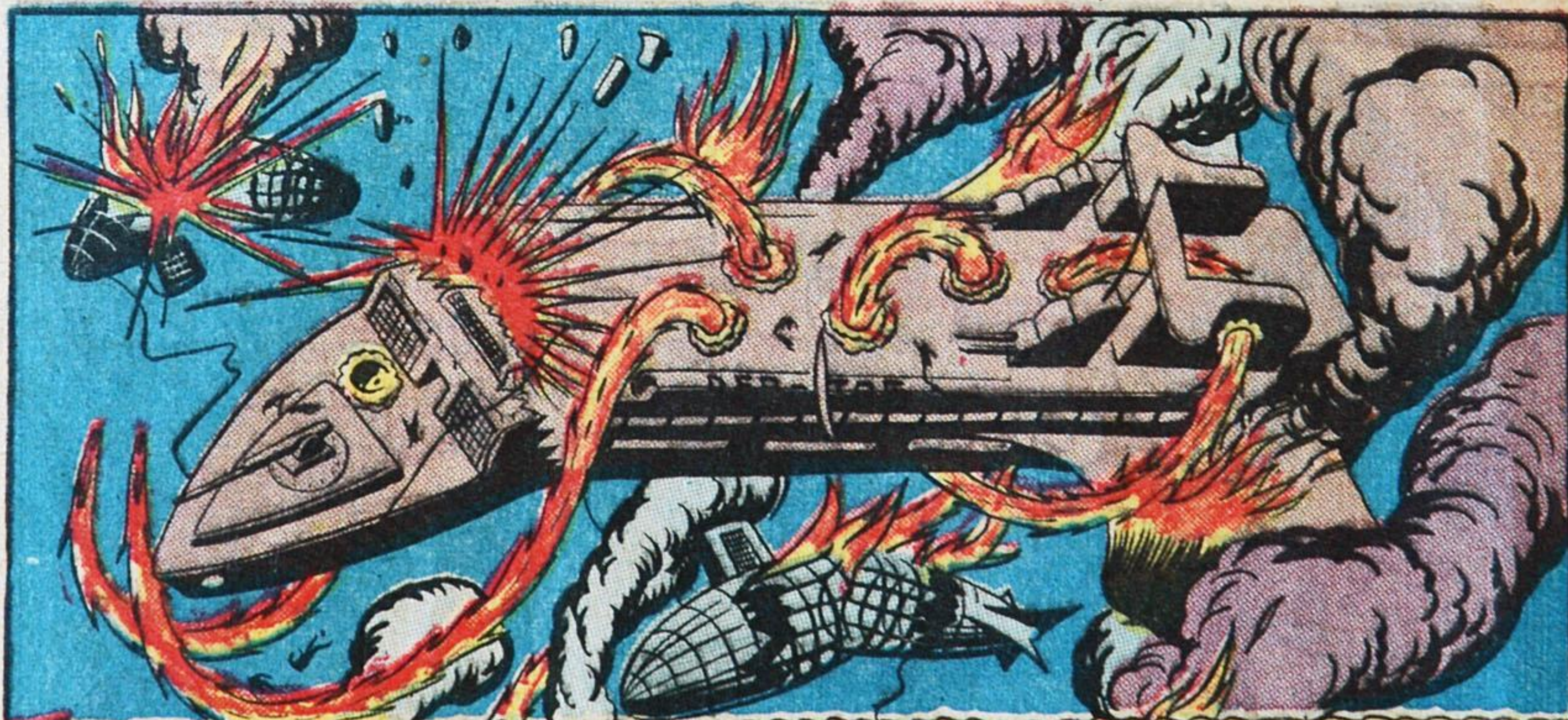
WHILE TORCH KEEPS AN EYE ON DER-TAG'S MOVEMENTS, TORO CONTACTS GENERAL SANDERS...

INCREDIBLE! WE WERE EXPERIMENTING WITH MOTORS THAT COULD TRAVEL OVER 60,000 FEET WHEN THE HAWK STOLE OUR VITAL PARTS! GET BACK TO TORCH... OUR PLANES WILL FOLLOW YOU AS FAR AS THEY CAN!

SOARING HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS, HIGHER THAN THEY HAVE EVER FLAMED, THE TORCH AND TORO SPOT DER-TAG AS IT'S CREW EMPTIES ITS BOMB BAYS...

IT CAN'T BE TRUE! WHY—WHY IT'S LIKE A BIG HOTEL!

IT'S TRUE ENOUGH, BOY! WE'RE GOING TO REGISTER OUR NAMES IN THAT HOTEL!

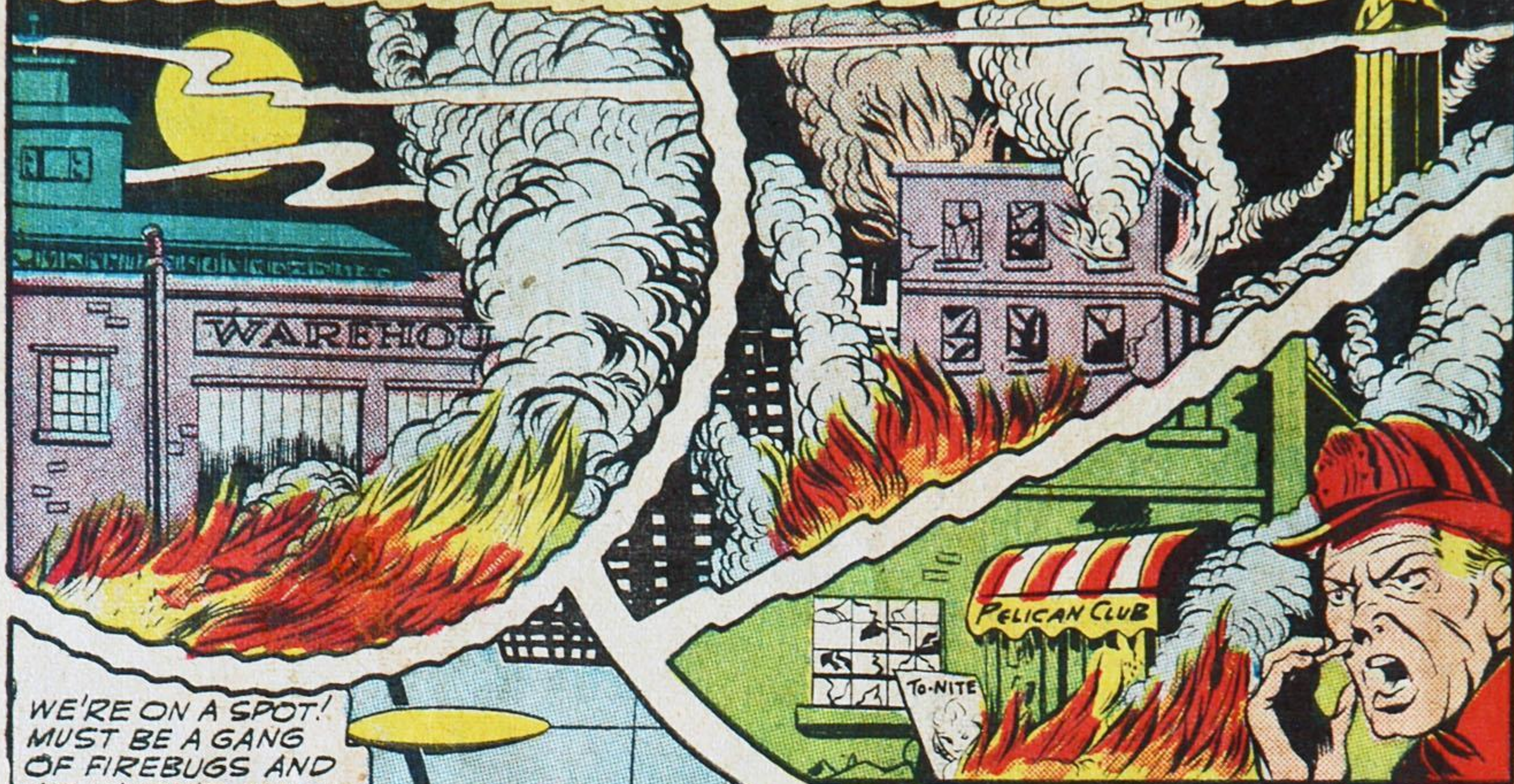


THE GIANT PLANE SO BRILLIANTLY CONCEIVED AND CONSTRUCTED IN THE WARPED MIND OF HERR HAWK, BECOMES A RAGING INFERNO AS TORCH AND TORO BLAZE THROUGH IT... DESTROYING THE MONSTER SHIP AND ITS CREATORS....

THE END



A SUDDEN OUTBREAK OF MYSTERIOUS FIRES STARTLES NEW YORK CITY...



WE'RE ON A SPOT!
MUST BE A GANG
OF FIREBUGS AND
WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT
ONE OF THEM!



THIS LOOKS
LIKE A GOOD
ONE! LET'S
GO IN!

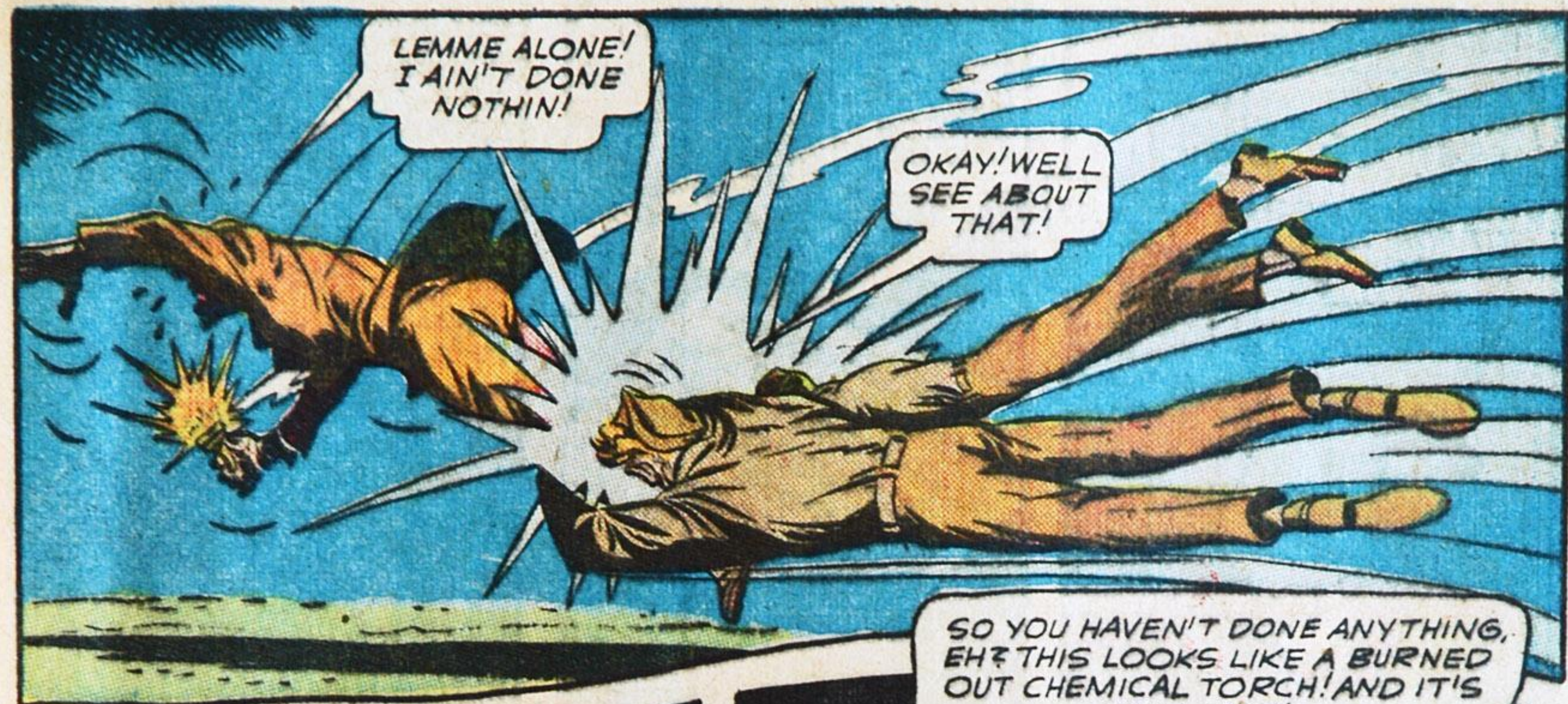


STEVE!
THAT MAN!
LOOK!



HEY YOU,
C'MERE!





LEMME ALONE!
I AIN'T DONE
NOTHIN!

OKAY! WELL
SEE ABOUT
THAT!

SO YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING,
EH? THIS LOOKS LIKE A BURNED
OUT CHEMICAL TORCH! AND IT'S
STILL HOT!



I AIN'T DONE
NOTHIN'!

WHAT'VE YOU
GOT IN YOUR
HAND?



SO YOU'RE THE GUY STARTED
THE FIRE? COME ON NOW...
WE'VE GOT YOU!

I AIN'T
TALKIN'!



I KNOW HIM!
PETE MCGUIRE!
JUST A BOWERY BUM
AND A SNOWBIRD WHEN
HE CAN GET IT!

WE CAUGHT
HIM COMIN' OUT
THE ALLEY
BESIDE THE
THEATRE!

HERE'S WHAT
HE HAD, OFFICER!
SOME KIND OF
THERMITE TORCH!
JUST PERFECT
FOR STARTING
A FIRE!

SO WE
GOT ONE
OF THE
FIRE-BUGS
AT LAST!
ROGERS, YOU
AND BARNES BE
IN COURT IN
THE MORNING!
WE'LL NEED
YOUR EVIDENCE!

AND PRESENTLY WHEN STEVE AND BUCKY ARE ALONE...

WELL I GUESS THAT CRAZY'S THE CASE, STEVE. A DRUG ADDICT STARTING FIRES JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

DUNNO! LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN HIS POCKET!



THAT'S A CHINESE HOLY GOD! I'VE HEARD OF HIM! A CHINESE FIRE-GOD!

YOU TELLIN' ME A CHINESE GOD IS SETTIN' THOSE FIRES? THE CHINESE WOULDN'T DO THAT!

HEALTH, RICHES AND HAPPINESS WILL BE YOURS! THE GREAT GOD CHING TOY
DIRECTIONS FOR PETER MCGUIRE



BUT SOME GANG COULD TRY TO PUT THE BLAME ON THE CHINESE! THIS IS AN ORGANIZED GANG OF SABOTEURS! KID, LOOKS TO ME THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA OUGHT TO TAKE A HAND IN THIS!



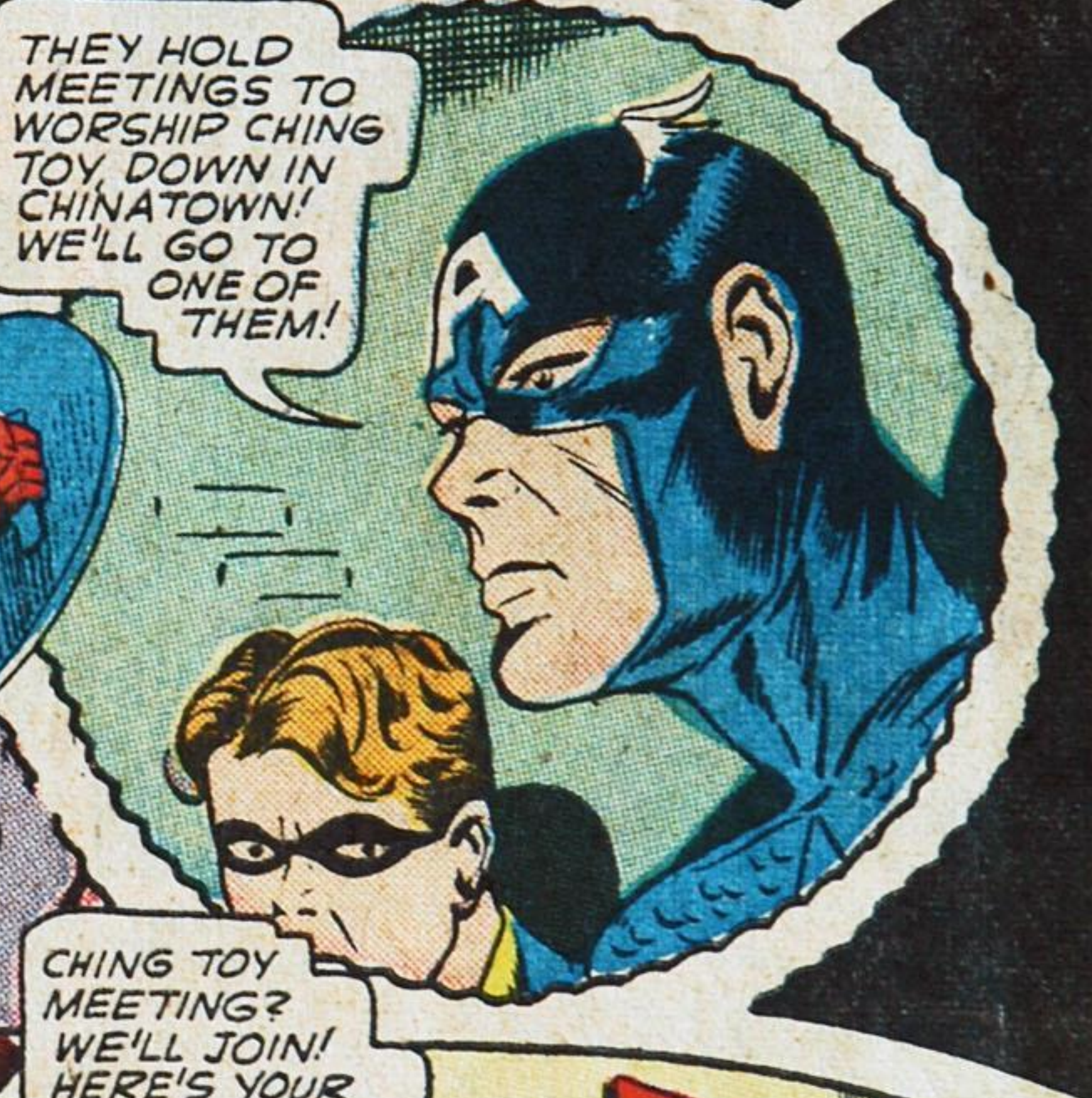
WITH A QUICK CHANGE INTO THEIR FIGHTING COSTUME, STEVE ROGERS AND BUCKY BARNES EMERGE AS THE GLAMOROUS, FAMILIAR FIGURES... CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY...

WHERE WE GOIN, CAP?

CAREFUL, KID! DON'T LET'S BE SEEN NOW!



THEY HOLD MEETINGS TO WORSHIP CHING TOY, DOWN IN CHINATOWN! WE'LL GO TO ONE OF THEM!



LATER THAT NIGHT...

YOU GOT MEETING FOR WORSHIP FIRE GOD CHING TOY? WHERE IS IT? WE WANT TO GO?

SURE! SURE! FOUR HOUSE DOWN... SAME STREET! YOU GOT EACH ONE DOLLAR? GOOD HEALTH FOR YOU... WORSHIP CHING TOY! WORTH'M DOLLAR EACH! VELLY CHEAP!

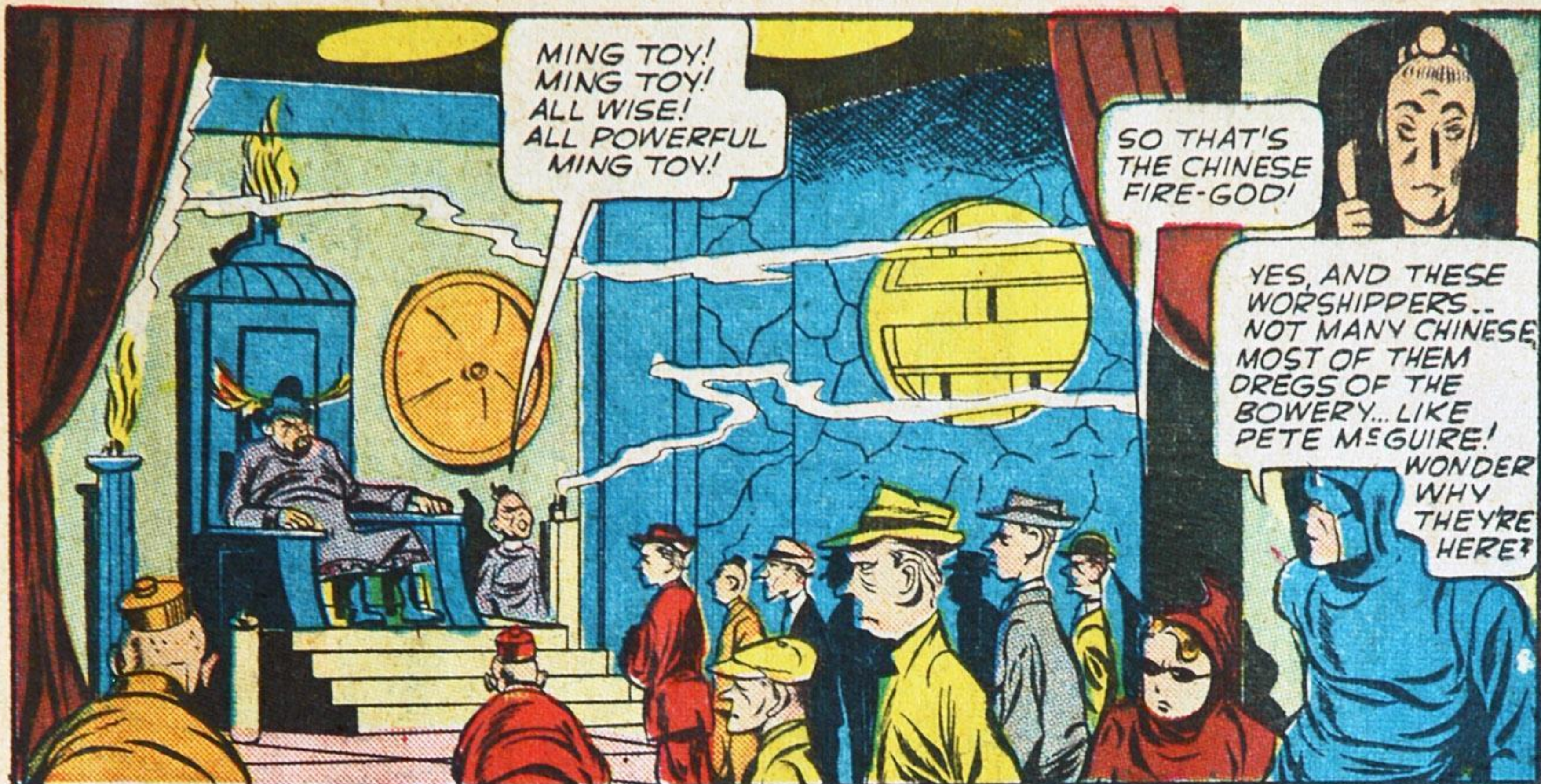
CHING TOY MEETING? WE'LL JOIN! HERE'S YOUR MONEY!



SURE THING... WE'RE GLAD TO PAY IT!

YOU COME IN! JUST NOW, START, YES!





MING TOY!
MING TOY!
ALL WISE!
ALL POWERFUL
MING TOY!

SO THAT'S
THE CHINESE
FIRE-GOD!

YES, AND THESE
WORSHIPPERS...
NOT MANY CHINESE,
MOST OF THEM
DREGS OF THE
BOWERY... LIKE
PETE MCGUIRE!

WONDER
WHY
THEY'RE
HERE?

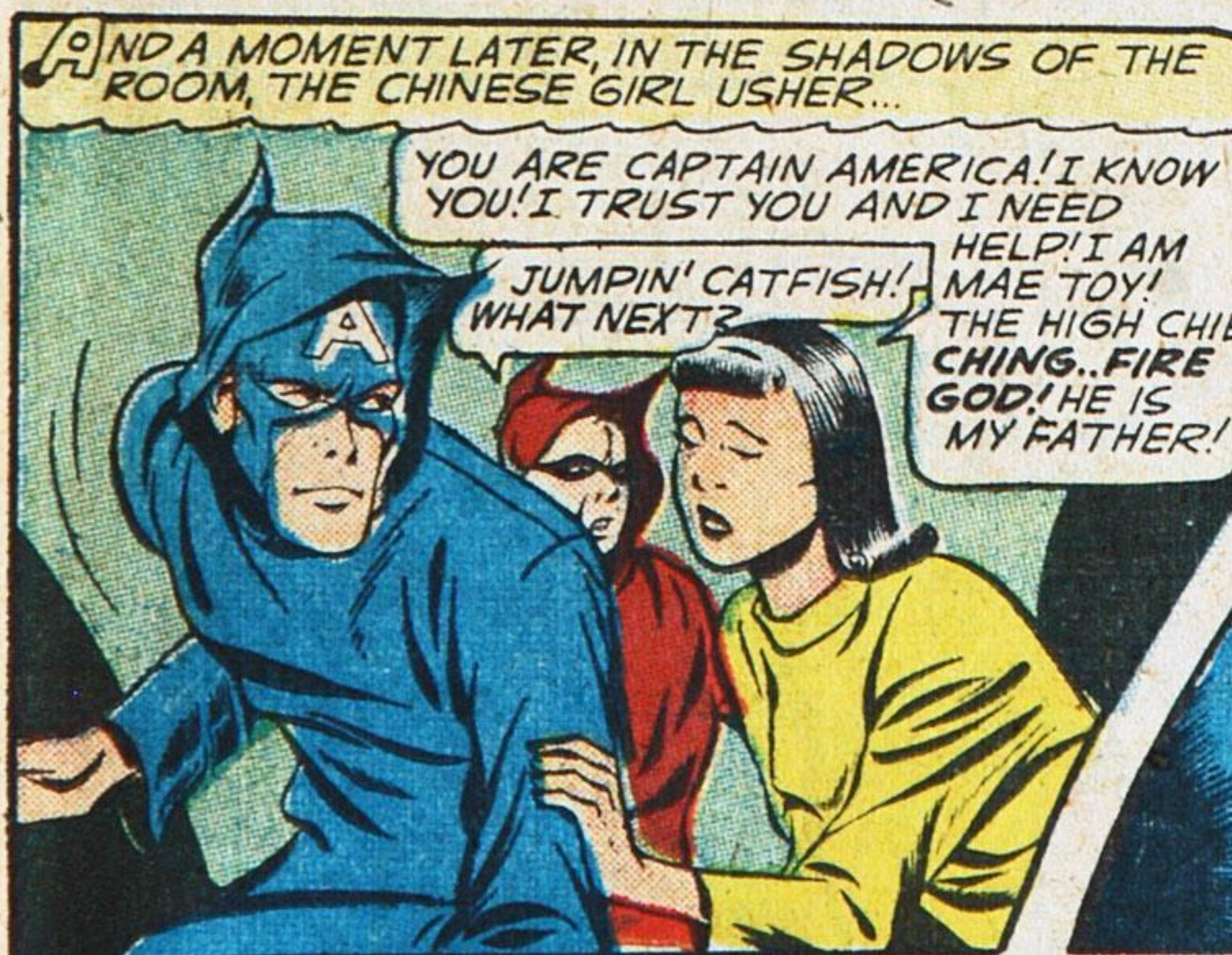


AND AS THE WIERD CEREMONY PROCEEDS...

I'M BEGINNING TO
GET IT! SOMETHING'S
PHONY ABOUT THIS KID!
THESE BOYS ALL LOOK
LIKE SNOWBIRDS...
DRUG ADDICTS!!



HE'S GIVING THEM ILLICIT DRUGS! AND
THEN HIS ASSISTANTS GIVE THEM
DIRECTIONS OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO
DO! DRUG-CRAZED THEY DO IT... TO
GET MORE DRUGS!
LIKE PETER
MCGUIRE
SETTING FIRE
TO THAT
THEATRE!



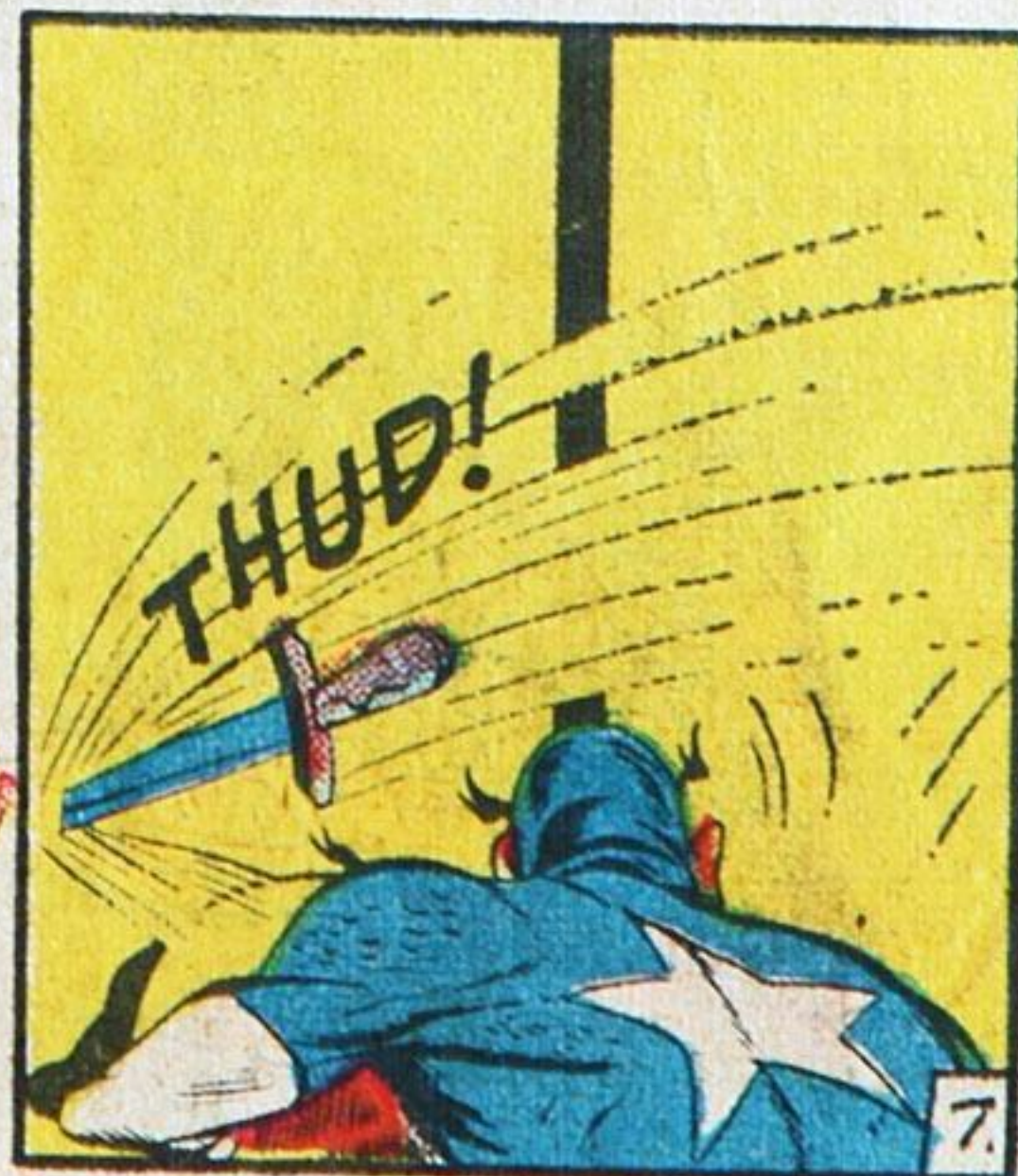
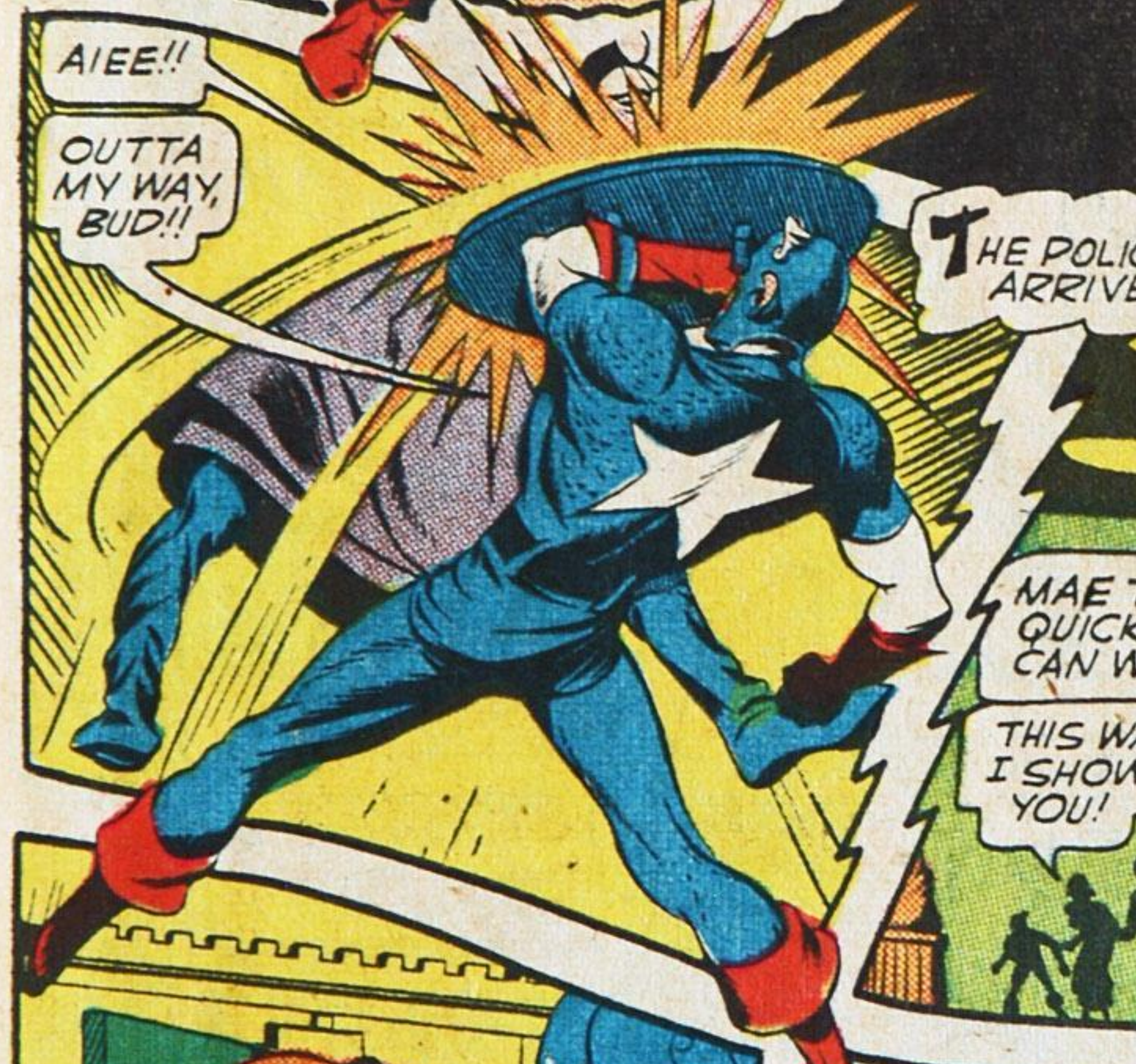
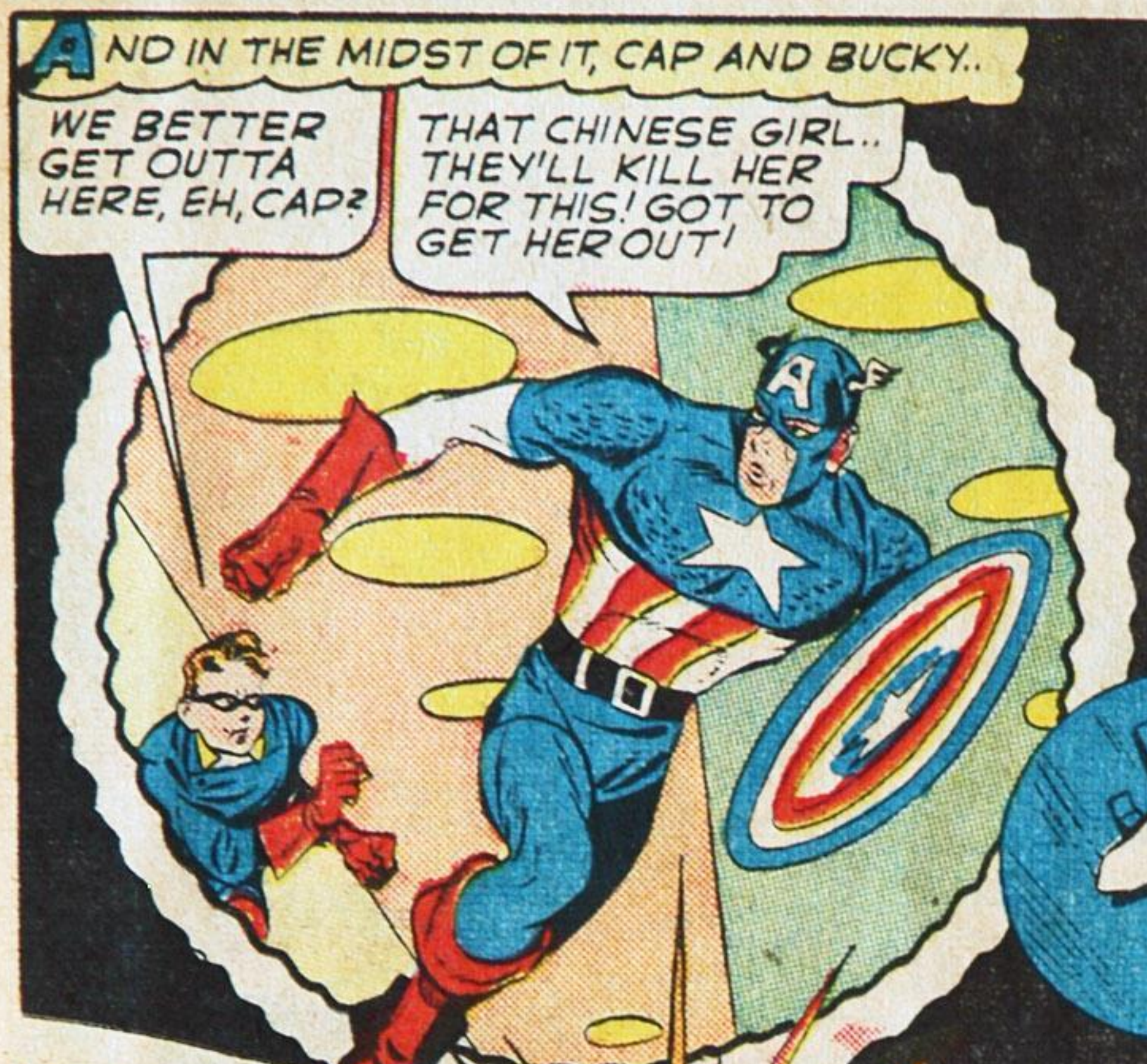
YOU ARE CAPTAIN AMERICA! I KNOW
YOU! I TRUST YOU AND I NEED

JUMPIN' CATFISH!
WHAT NEXT?

HELP! I AM
MAE TOY!
THE HIGH CHIEF.
CHING.. FIRE
GOD! HE IS
MY FATHER!

BUT
THIS GOD
HERE... **HE IS NOT**
MY FATHER! HE AND HIS
MEN... THEY KILL MY
FATHER IF I TELL
ANYONE! SHHH!
I MUST GO
NOW...
LATER I
MEET YOU!





THEY'RE SURE
AFTER US!
THE GUY
THAT THREW
THAT KNIFE
BEAT IT!!

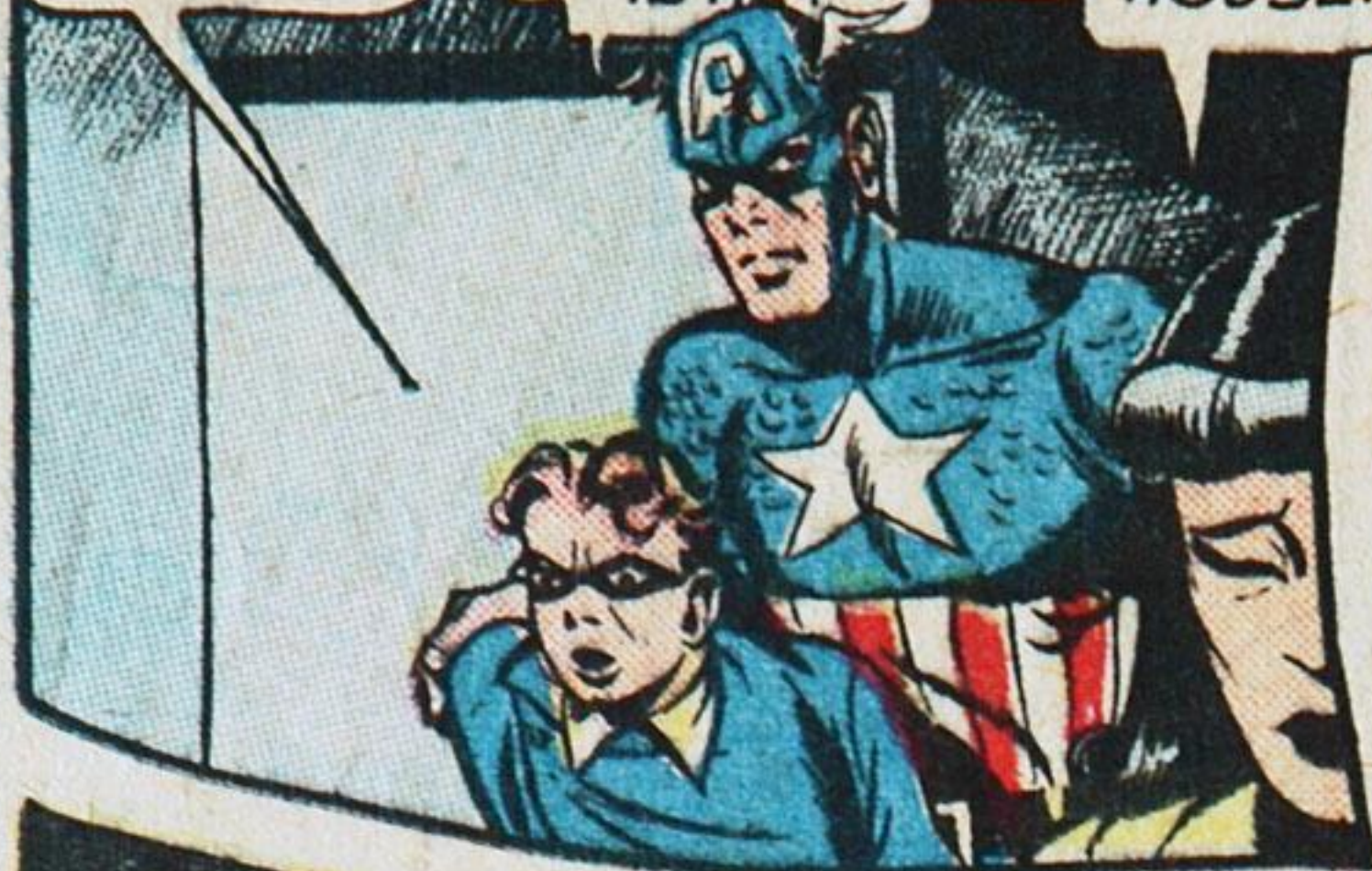
YOU SAID THIS
FIREGOD ISN'T
YOUR FATHER!
YOU SAID THEY'D
KILL YOUR
FATHER! WHERE
IS HE?

THEY HAVE
HIM IMPRIS-
ONED IN
A SECRET
ROOM
IN THIS
HOUSE!

NOGATMI AND HIS MEN
CAME HERE... KILLED
MY FATHERS HELPERS!

NOGATMI! I'VE HEARD
OF HIM! JAP SCIENTIST..
SPECIALIST IN
CHEMICAL WARFARE!
ESCAPED
FROM A U.S.
CONCENTRATION
CAMP!

HE'S HELD ME PRIS-
ONER HERE! HE'S
BEEN HOLDING THE
MEETINGS, BUT NOT
THE WAY MY
FATHER DID!



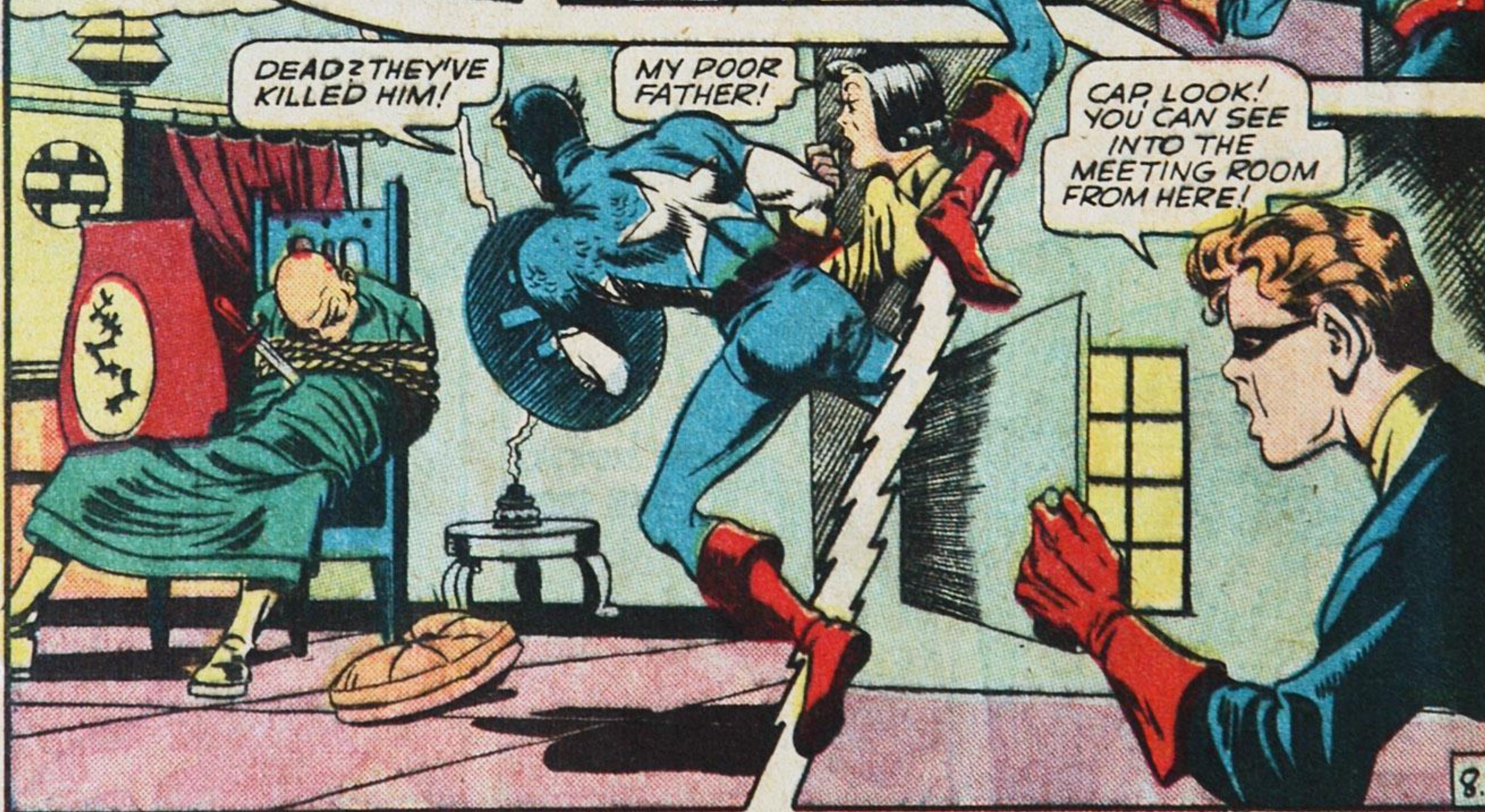
HE AND HIS GANG... GET-
TING THE BOWERY
DERELICTS IN HERE
AND DRUGGING THEM!
SENDING THEM OUT
ON HIS FIENDISH
ERRANDS! I
UNDERSTAND
ALL NOW!

THIS IS THE
PANEL TO THE
SECRET ROOM!

COME ON, BUCKY!
KEEP BEHIND
US, MAE, WE'LL
GET YOUR
FATHER
OUT!



AND
THEY
BURST
INTO THE
SECRET ROOM...



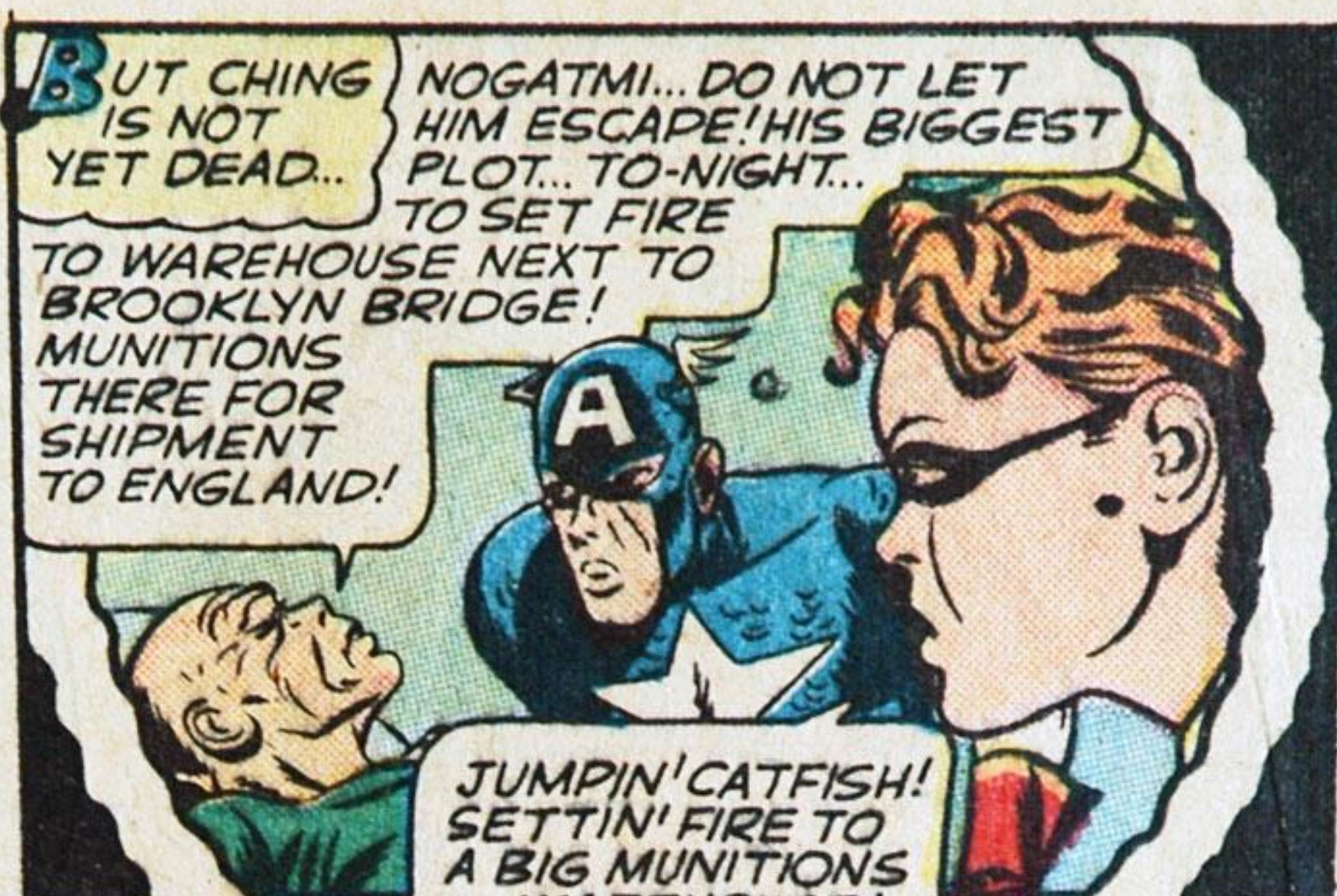
DEAD? THEY'VE
KILLED HIM!

MY POOR
FATHER!

CAP, LOOK!
YOU CAN SEE
INTO THE
MEETING ROOM
FROM HERE!



NOGATAMI ESCAPED!
WE'LL HAVE TO GET
AFTER HIM!



BUT CHING
IS NOT
YET DEAD...

NOGATMI... DO NOT LET
HIM ESCAPE! HIS BIGGEST
PLOT... TO-NIGHT...
TO SET FIRE
TO WAREHOUSE NEXT TO
BROOKLYN BRIDGE!

JUMPIN' CATFISH!
SETTIN' FIRE TO
A BIG MUNITIONS
WAREHOUSE!



WE CAME TOO LATE! HE'S
DEAD! MAE, THE POLICE
HAVE TAKEN OVER THE
HOUSE HERE! YOU GO
TO THEM! THEY'LL
PROTECT YOU!



COME ON! THIS
WAY... IT'S DOWN
UNDER BROOKLYN
BRIDGE!

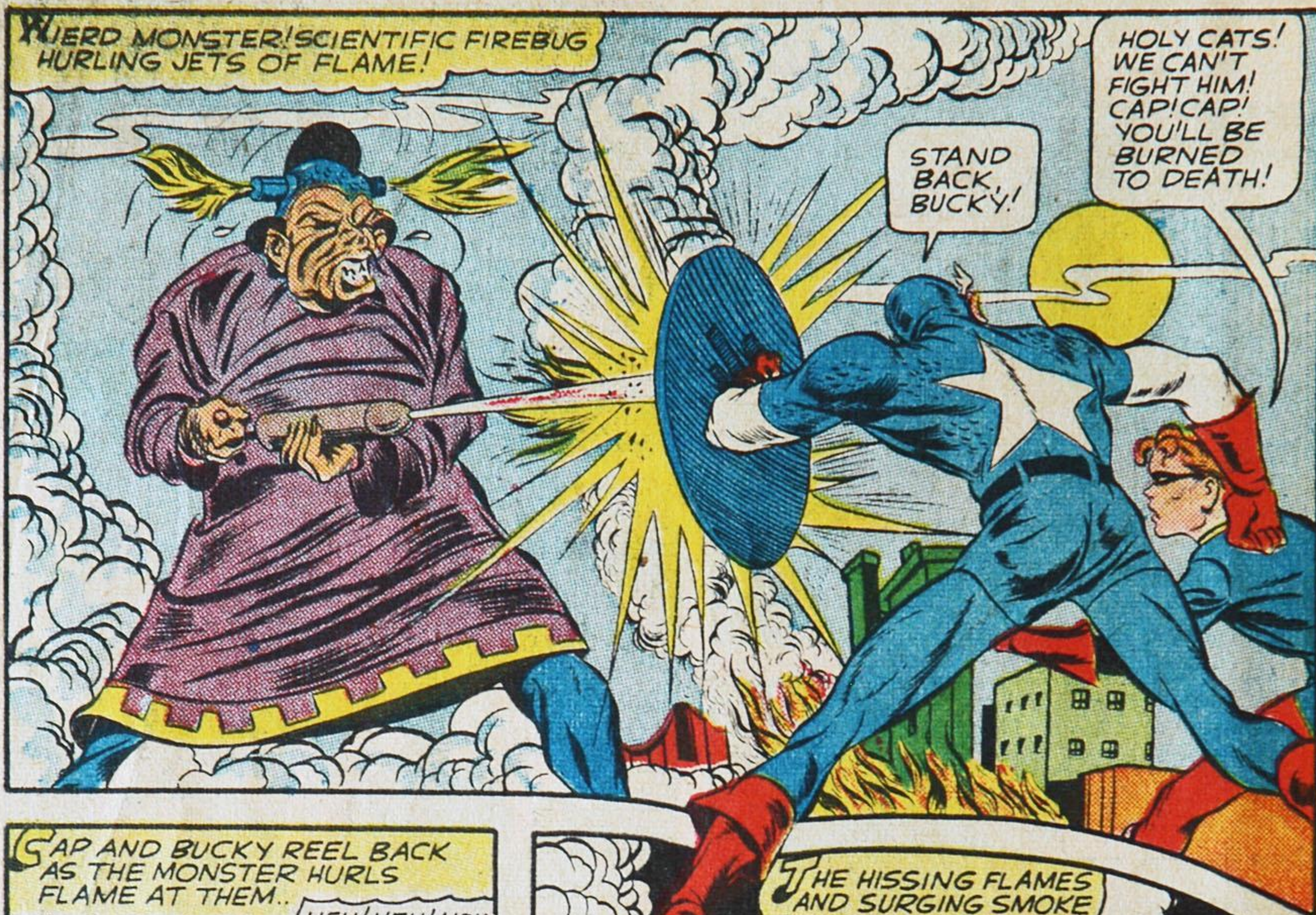


LATER... SHE SAID
THIS'LL
LEAD US
TO A
SIDE
STREET!

HURRY, KID! IF
THAT FIRE MON-
STER GETS TO
THE MUNITIONS
WAREHOUSE
AHEAD OF US
IT'LL BE
JUST TOO
BAD!



THERE HE
GOES, CAP!



WEIRD MONSTER! SCIENTIFIC FIREBUG
HURLING JETS OF FLAME!

HOLY CATS!
WE CAN'T
FIGHT HIM!
CAP! CAP!
YOU'LL BE
BURNED
TO DEATH!

STAND
BACK,
BUCKY!

CAP AND BUCKY REEL BACK
AS THE MONSTER HURLS
FLAME AT THEM..

HEH! HEH! NOW
NOW FOR THE
MUNITIONS!

CAP! CAP!
LOOK OUT!

THE HISSING FLAMES
AND SURGING SMOKE
BRING PANIC TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!

FIRE!
FIRE!

HELP! A
FIRE
MONSTER!

HELP!
POLICE!



LET'S HEAD HIM
OFF, KID! IF HE
FIRES THE
WAREHOUSE
HE'LL BLOW
THIS WHOLE
NEIGH-
BORHOOD
AND THE
BRIDGE
TO PIECES!

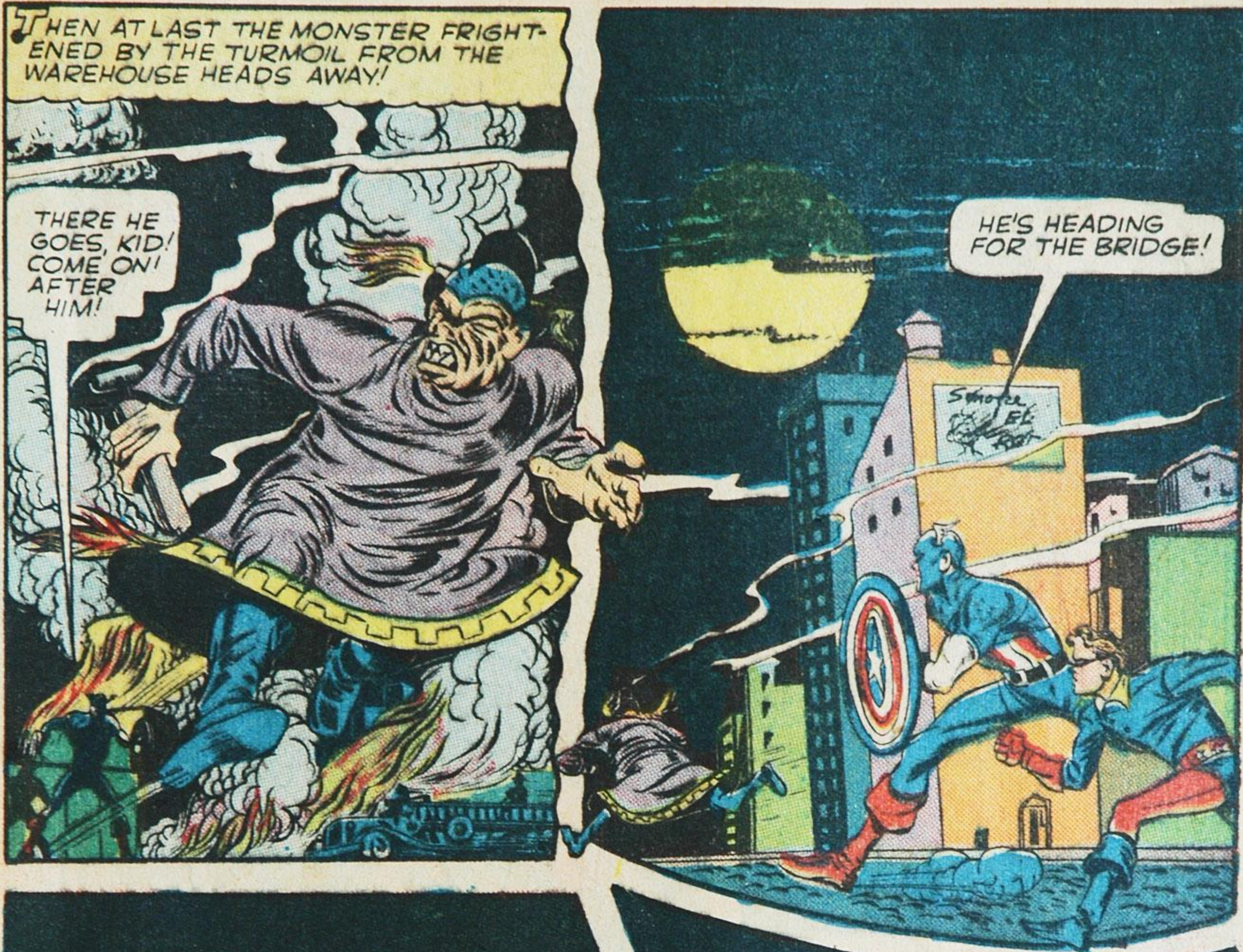


THEN AT LAST THE MONSTER FRIGHT-
ENED BY THE TURMOIL FROM THE
WAREHOUSE HEADS AWAY!

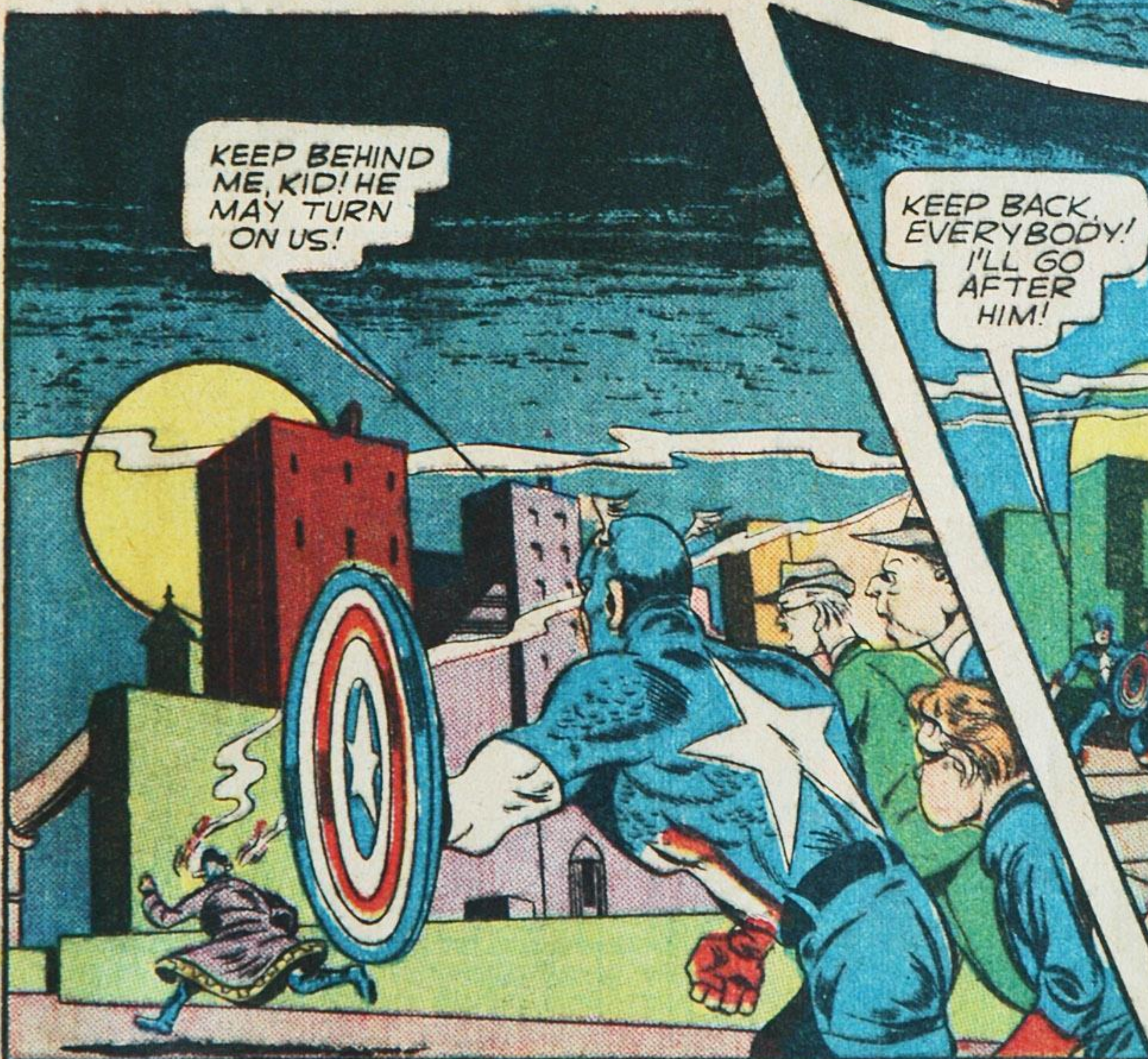
THERE HE
GOES, KID!
COME ON!
AFTER
HIM!



HE'S HEADING
FOR THE BRIDGE!

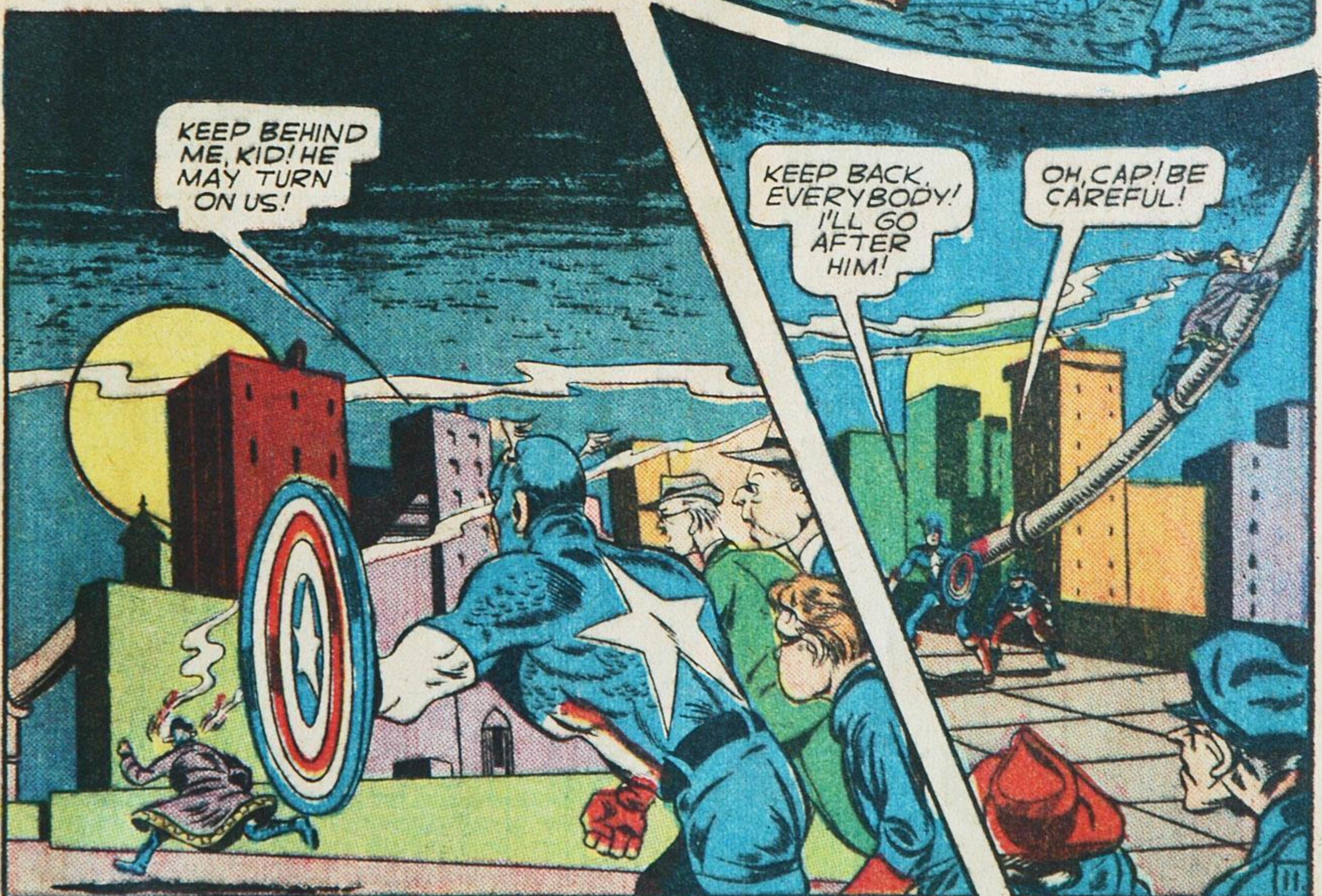


KEEP BEHIND
ME, KID! HE
MAY TURN
ON US!



KEEP BACK,
EVERYBODY!
I'LL GO
AFTER
HIM!

OH, CAP! BE
CAREFUL!





YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE, NOGATAMI!



HA! HA! YOU'LL
NEVER GET
ME! I AM
INVINCIBLE!

AND SUDDENLY
AS NOGATAMI
CLIMBS STILL
HIGHER, THE
HEAT OF HIS
OWN FLAME
MELTS THE
CABLE HE IS
CLUTCHING...



WHY..WHY...
BY MY
ANCESTORS...



AND NOGATAMI FALLS....

AH-H-H-H!



AND PRESENTLY...

THAT WAS
THE FAMOUS
NOGATAMI,
LIEUTENANT! AND
YOU'VE CAPTURED
HIS GANG OF JAPS!

THANKS TO YOU,
CAPTAIN AMERICA,
THERE WILL BE
NO MORE FIRE
AND SABOTAGE
AROUND THESE
PARTS!

DON'T MISS CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY
AS THEY FIGHT FOR RIGHT AGAINST MIGHT IN
THEIR OWN MAGAZINE "CAPTAIN AMERICA COMICS"

SUB-MARINER

WHAT'S THIS? SUB-MARINER--
MIGHTY AXIS-SMASHING SCOURGE
OF THE SEAS--CAPTURED BY
THE JAPS? THAT'S RIGHT, READER!
AND THE WHY AND HOW AND
WHEREFORE WILL MAKE YOU
CHILL AND THRILL AND CLING TO
YOUR SEAT AS YOU READ HOW
SUB-MARINER FACES ----

**"TERROR" in
TOKYO**

SUB-MARINER
CAUGHT AND DONATED TO THE
EMPEROR'S AQUARIUM



FAR ACROSS THE PACIFIC, NEAR THE COAST OF JAPAN, A FAMILIAR FIGURE CUTS THROUGH THE WATER--SUB-MARINER!



MEANWHILE, CRUISING OVERHEAD--A JAP PILOT SCOURS THE ENDLESS BLUE, WHEN SUDDENLY--

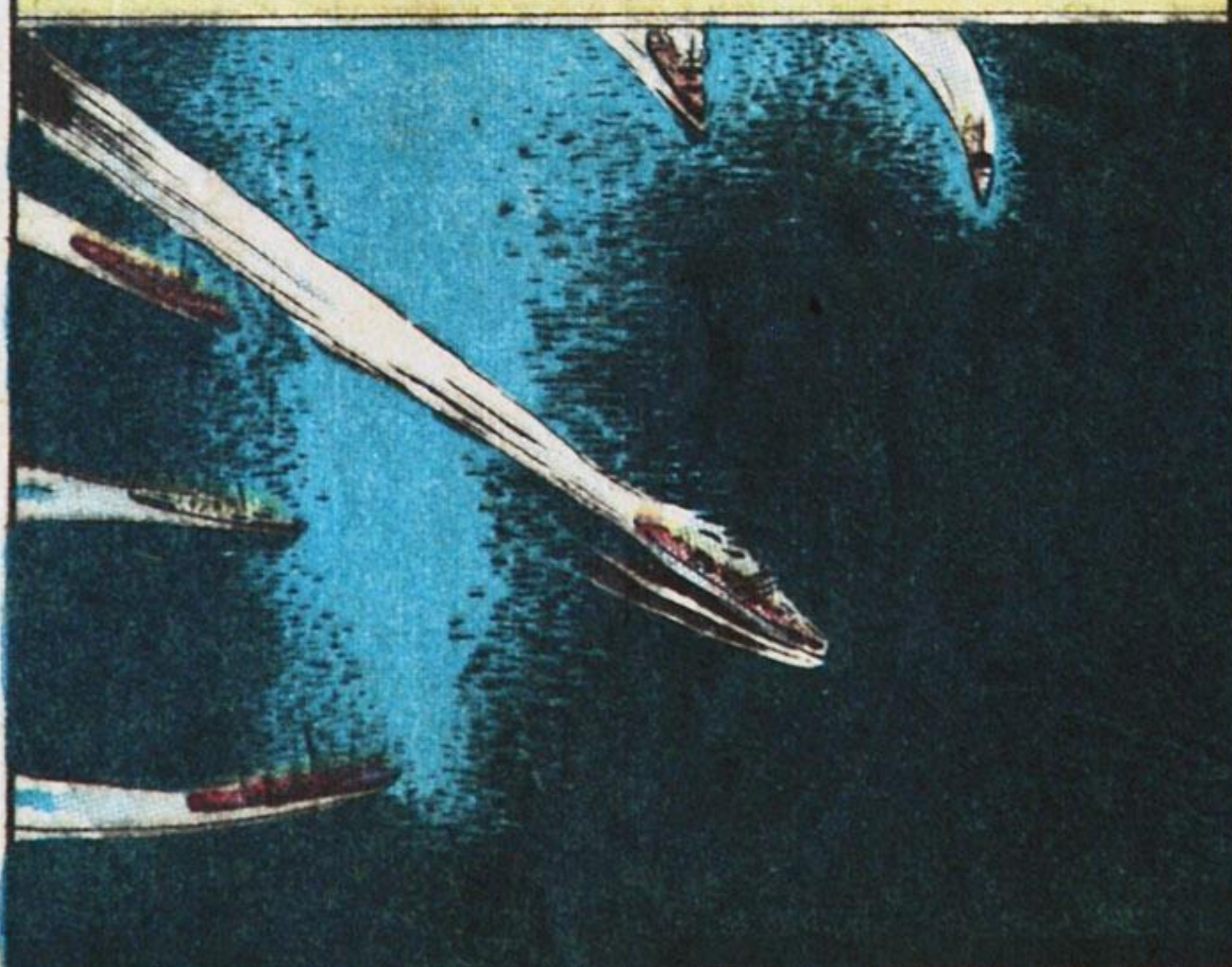


A MOMENT LATER SOME MILES AWAY--



*ONE AMERICAN DESTROYER AHEAD! WE WILL ALL BRAVELY STRIKE TOGETHER!

SWIFTLY, THE JAP FLOTILLA CLOSES IN ON ITS LONE PREY--

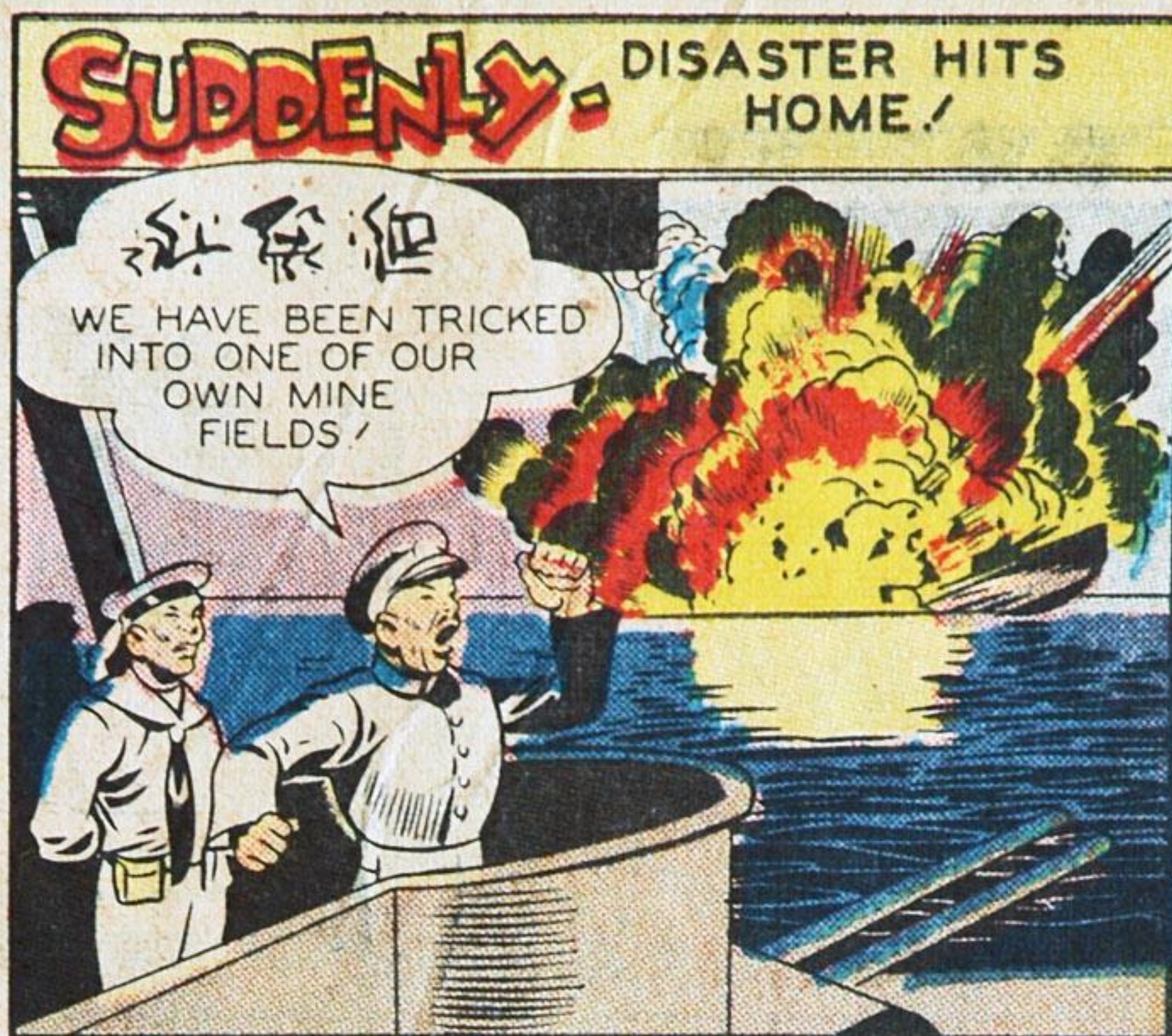


BUT ONE IMPORTANT FEATURE ABOUT THE AMERICAN SHIP HAS ESCAPED THE SLITTED EYES OF THE JAPS--



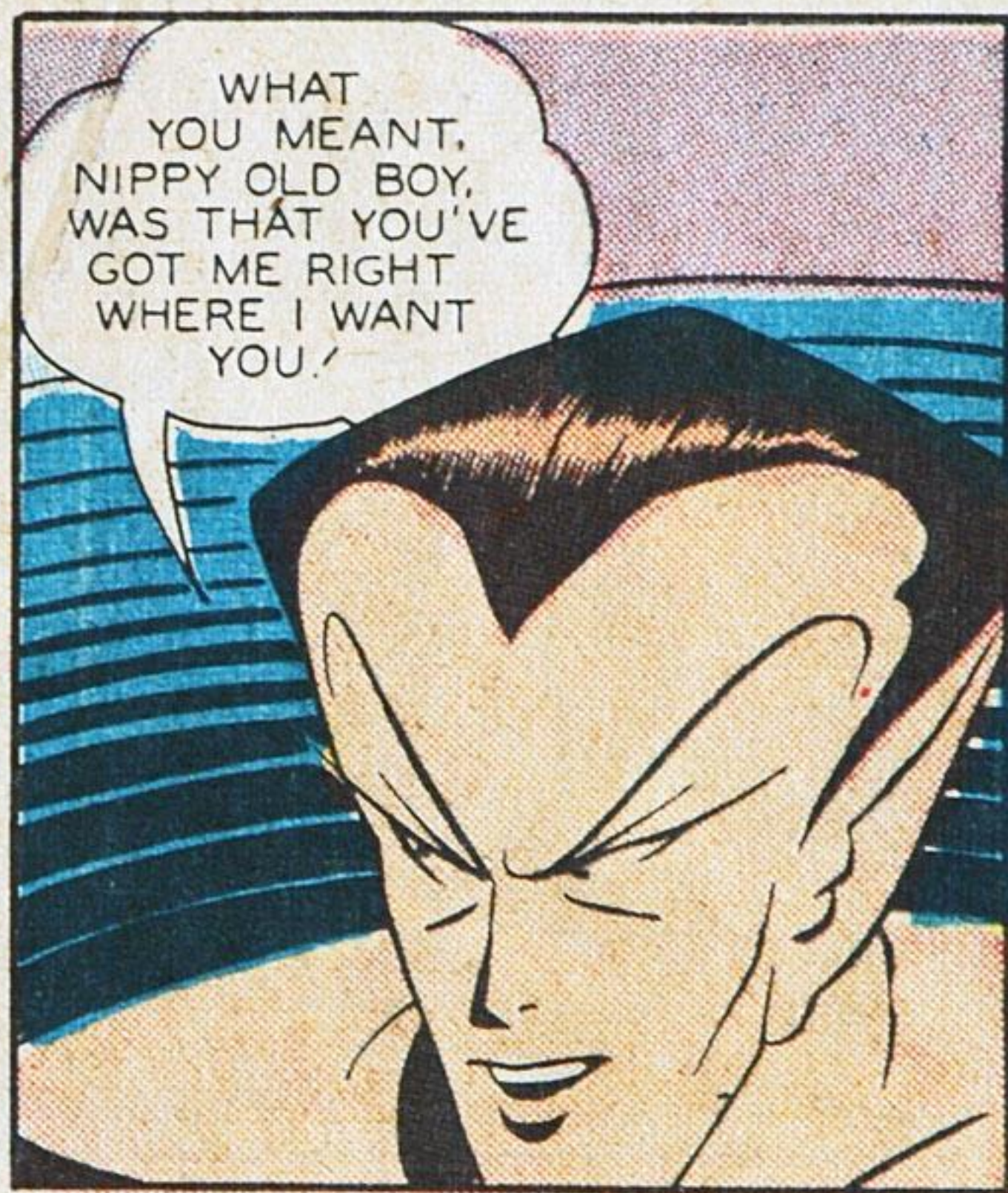


FULL SPEED
AHEAD! WE HAVE
THE FOOLISH AMERICAN
SHIP RIGHT WHERE
WE WANT
IT!



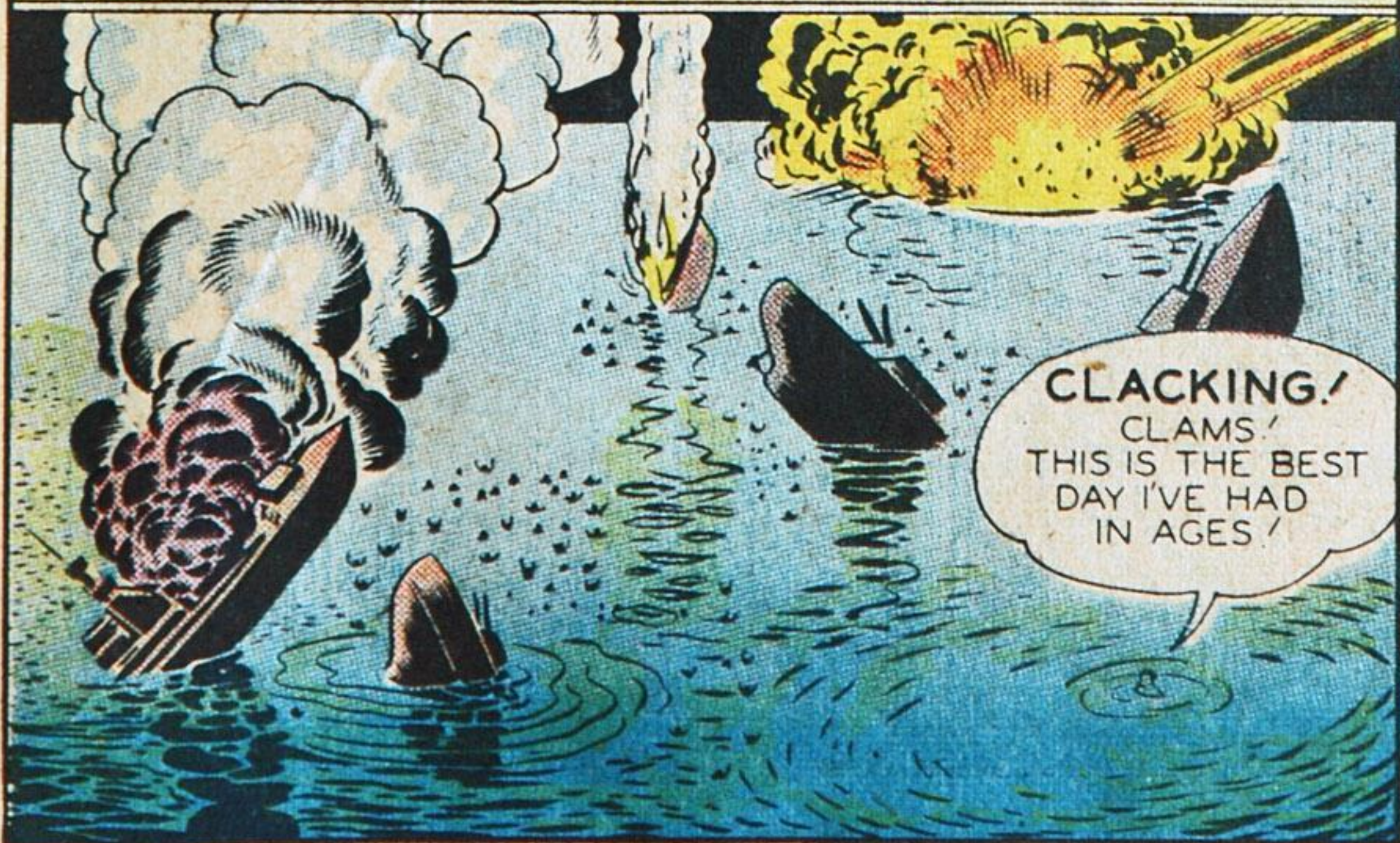
SUDDENLY - DISASTER HITS
HOME!

WE HAVE BEEN TRICKED
INTO ONE OF OUR
OWN MINE
FIELDS!



WHAT
YOU MEANT,
NIPPY OLD BOY,
WAS THAT YOU'VE
GOT ME RIGHT
WHERE I WANT
YOU!

TRICKED BY SUB-MARINER, THE JAP FLEET SWEEPS ONTO THE
MINE FIELD BEFORE THEY CAN REVERSE THEIR ENGINES!



CLACKING!
CLAMS!
THIS IS THE BEST
DAY I'VE HAD
IN AGES!

HIGH IN THE AIR
THE JAP AIRMAN
FRANTICALLY TURNS
ON HIS RADIO.....

CALLING HONORABLE
TOJO! MOST HORRIBLE
DISASTER TAKING
PLACE, CAUSED BY THE
TERRIBLE AMERICAN
SUB-
MARINER!



STRONG MAN OF THE JAPANESE DREADED MILITARY CLIQUE ~ ~ ~ PREMIER TOJO RECEIVES THE MESSAGE IN A MURDEROUS RAGE!

SUB-MARINER AGAIN! CALL TOGETHER THE SUPREME COMMAND ~ ~ ~ THEN COMMIT HARI KIRI FOR BRINGING SUCH MESSAGE!

WE MUST DO SOMETHING ~ ~ OR JAPAN WILL LOSE MUCH FACE ~ ~ MAYBE EVEN MORE THAN FACE! WE MUST DESTROY SUB-MARINER!

EXCUSE PLEASE, BUT MAYBE NAVY SLIP UP BEHIND BACK AND SHOOT HIM?

YOU ONE BIG FOOL, NUTSU! SUB-MARINER NEVER TURNS BACK! THAT IS REASON WE HAVE NOT KILLED HIM BEFORE!

POP

THE SON OF HEAVEN NEEDS YOUR ADVICE, O NISHKI! A LOW CHARACTER NAMED SUB-MARINER IS RUINING OUR FLEET! HE SWIMS AROUND LIKE AN ACCURSED FISH!

SUB-MARINER? A KNOTTY PROBLEM ~ ~ BUT I KNOW OF A SOLUTION. COME CLOSER AND I WILL TELL YOU ~ ~ ~

BZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZZ / ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ NOW COULD I PLEASE BE UNCHAINED FOR A WALK?

LATER! WONDERFUL! MOST WONDERFUL ADVICE!

YOU MAY GO! WHILE STROLLING IN HALLWAY I HAD BRILLIANT IDEA! I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF DETAILS!

MEANWHILE--SUB-MARINER STREAKS ON THROUGH THE PACIFIC, SEARCHING FOR THE ENEMY--

DAPPLED DOLPHINS!
NOT A JAP IN SIGHT!

IT'S GETTING SO A MAN CAN'T HAVE A DECENT DAY OF HUNTING AROUND HERE!
ALL THE JAPS SEEM TO TAKE TO COVER AS SOON AS I GET NEAR!

FIDDLING FLOUNDER! FISHING BOATS! WELL, THEY'LL PROBABLY BE THE BIGGEST GAME I'LL FIND FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!
MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THEM IN!

BUT--FOR ONCE--SUB-MARINER HAS UNDER-ESTIMATED HIS FOE--

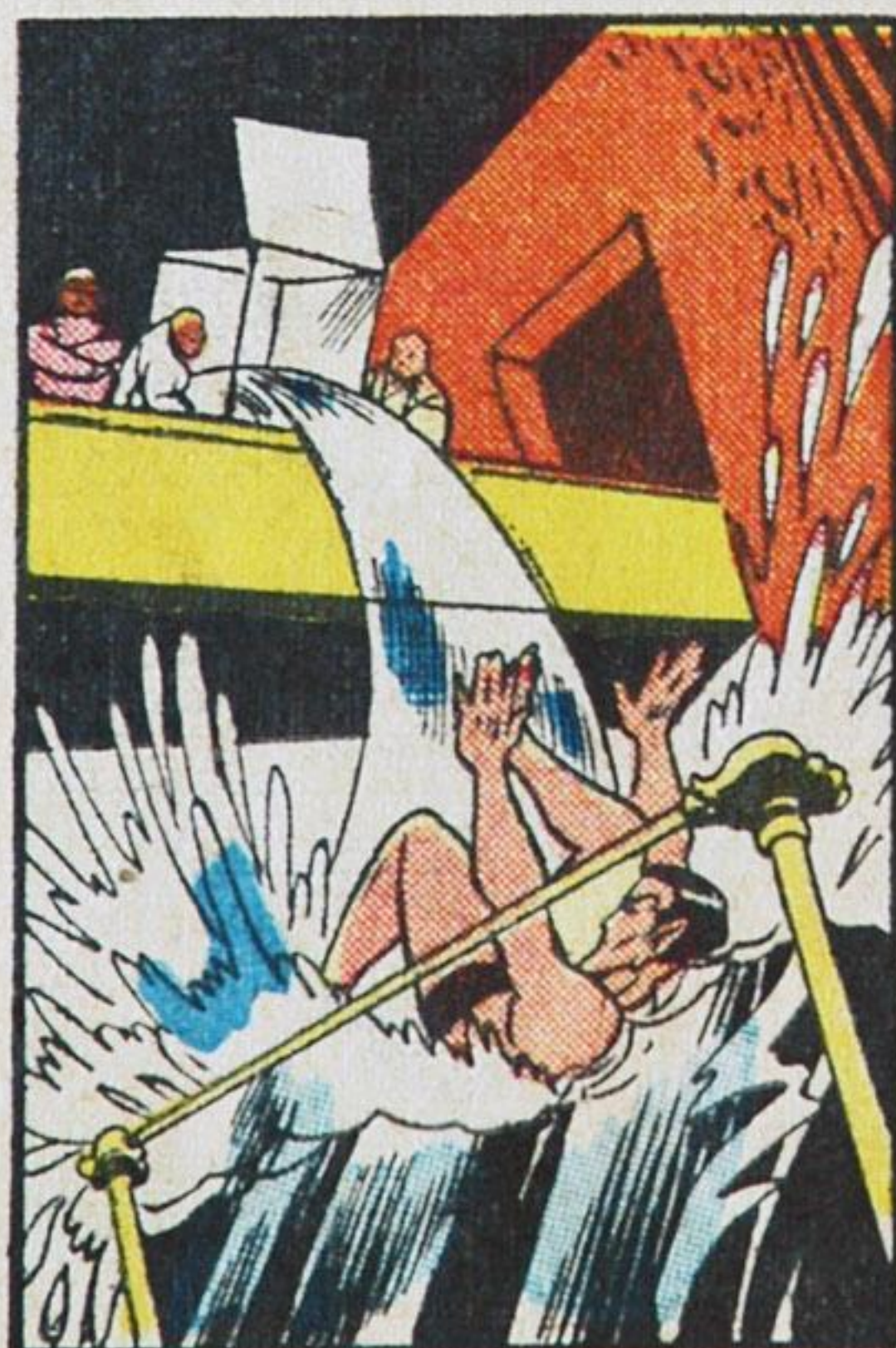
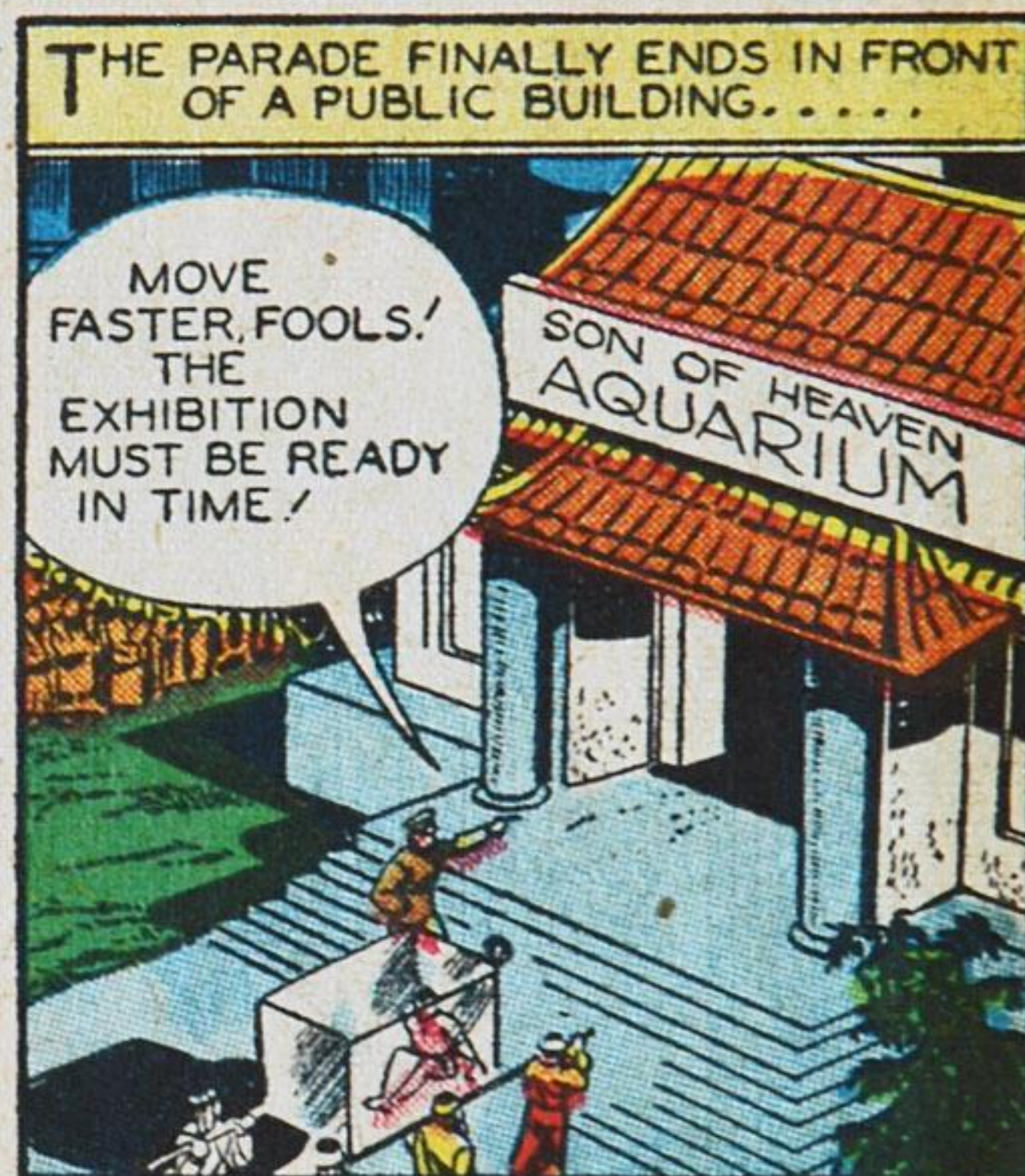
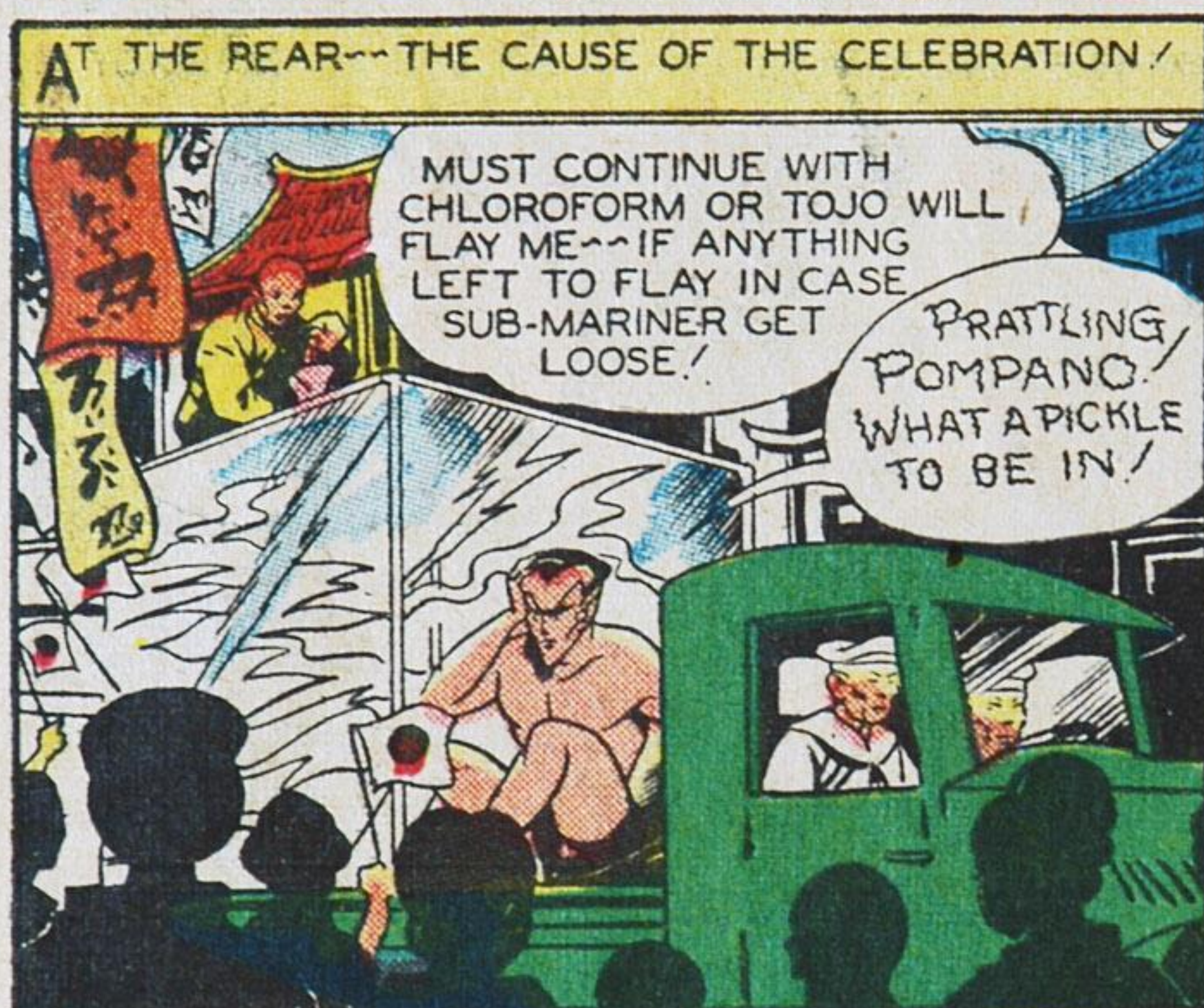
--FOR A WILY SCHEME IS UNFOLDING ABOARD ONE OF THE FISHING VESSELS--A SCHEME DIRECTED BY JAPAN'S MONSTER OF INTRIGUE!

THIS GREAT PLAN OF MINE WILL DEFEAT EVEN SUB-MARINER!
CHLOROFORM IN WATER WILL RENDER HIM HELPLESS!

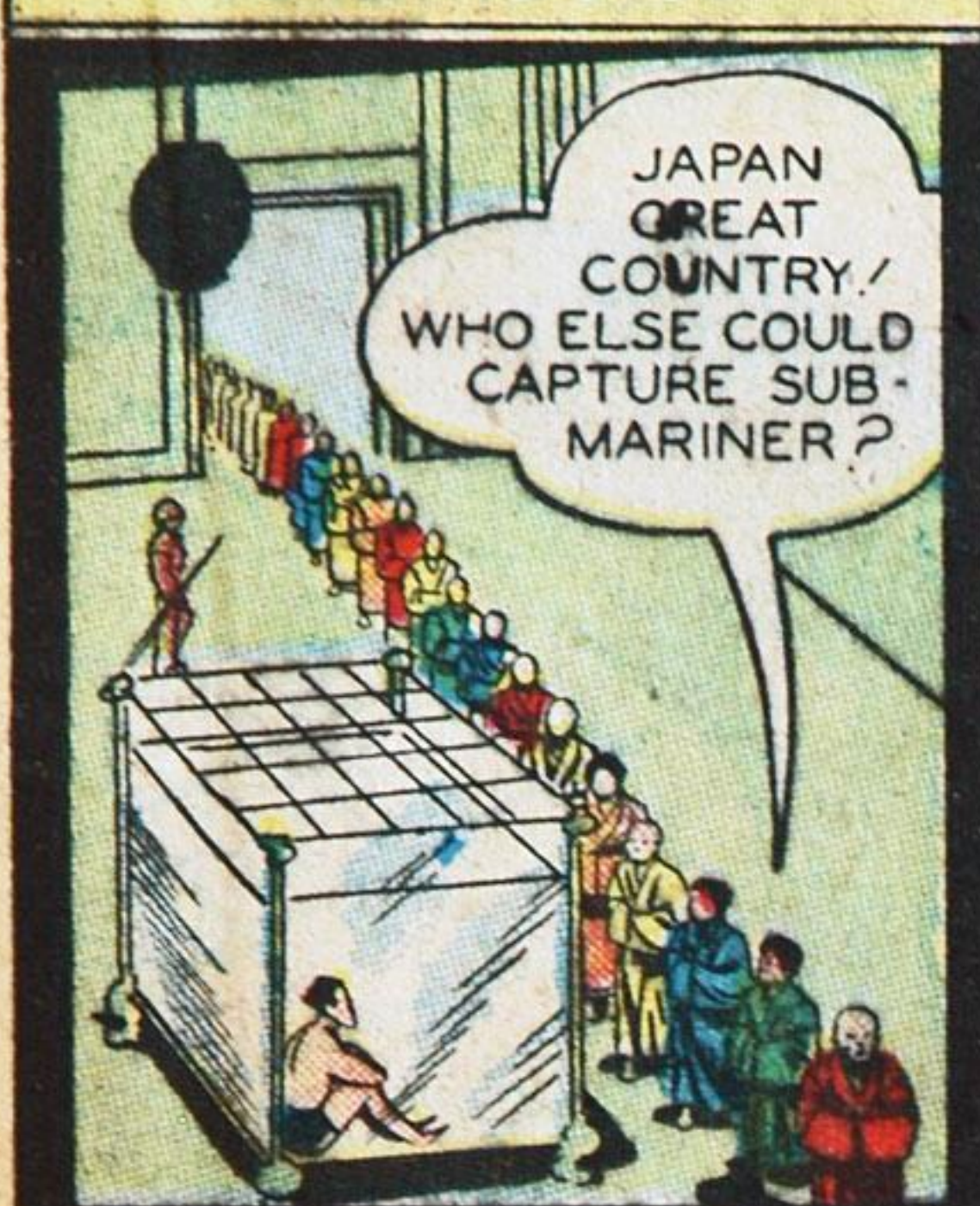
HOLY HADDOCK!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? I'M GETTING WEAKER THAN A SNAIL!

AS SUB-MARINER'S TITANIC STRENGTH SWIFTLY EBBS, TOJO PROCEEDS WITH HIS FIENDISH PLAN!

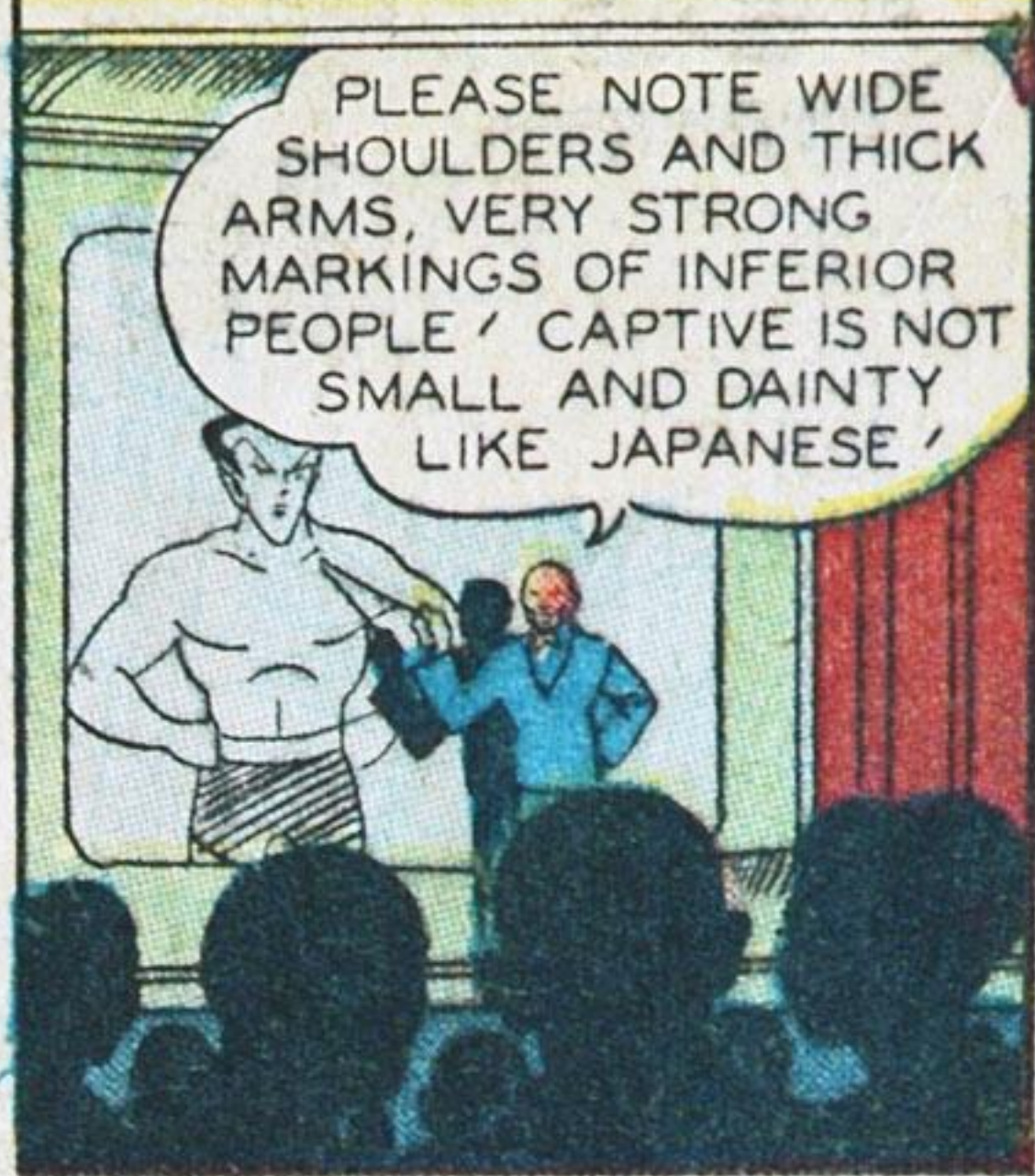
WONDERFUL!
PULL THE AMERICAN DOG IN! THIS WILL MAKE THE SON OF HEAVEN VERY HAPPY!



JOYOUSLY, JAPAN CELEBRATES
THE DOWNFALL OF ITS
POWERFUL ENEMY ~ ~



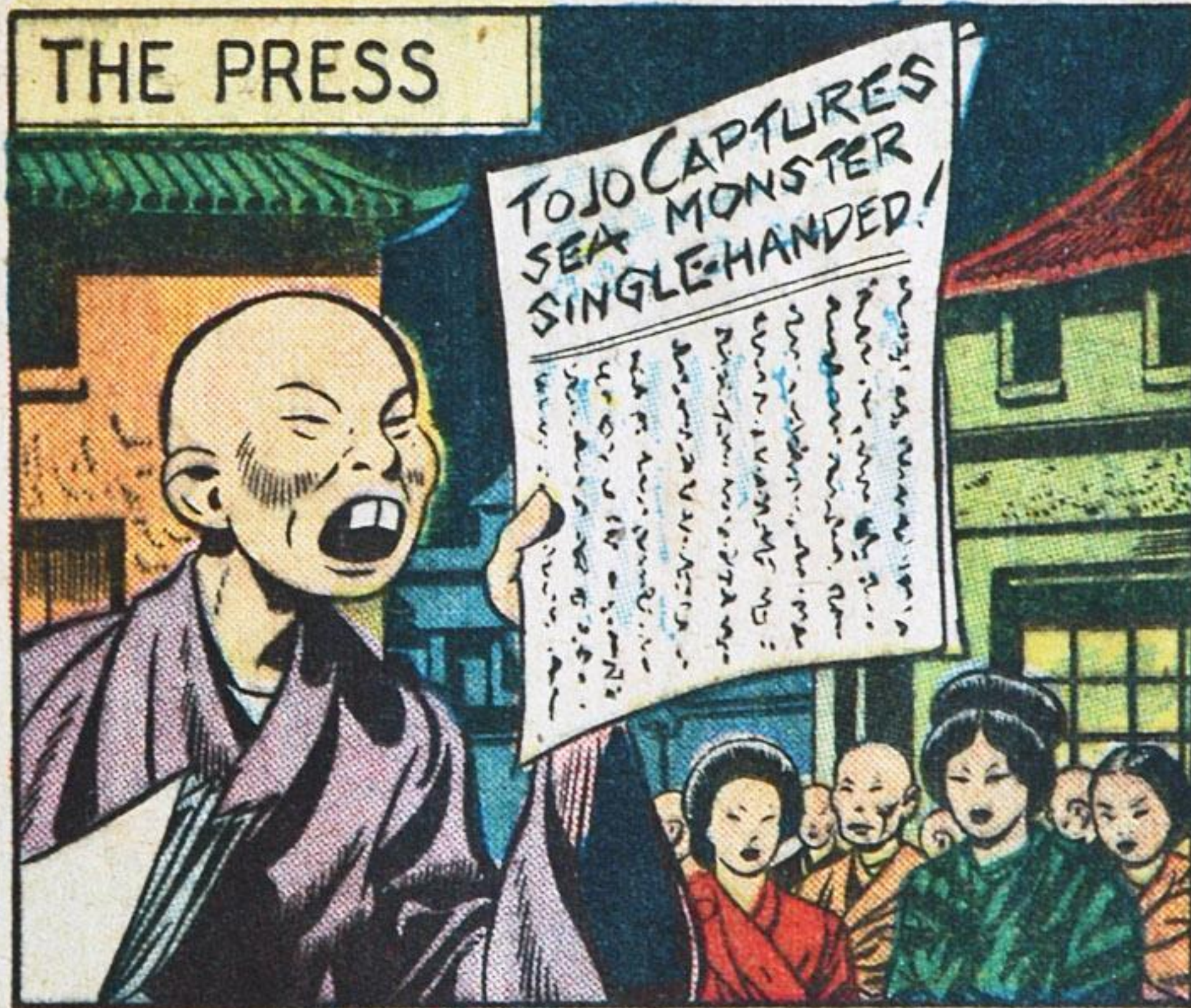
BADLY IN NEED OF A MAJOR
VICTORY, THE DESPERATE
YELLOW HIGH COMMAND USES
EVERY METHOD OF PROPAGANDA
...THE NEWSREELS ~ ~ ~



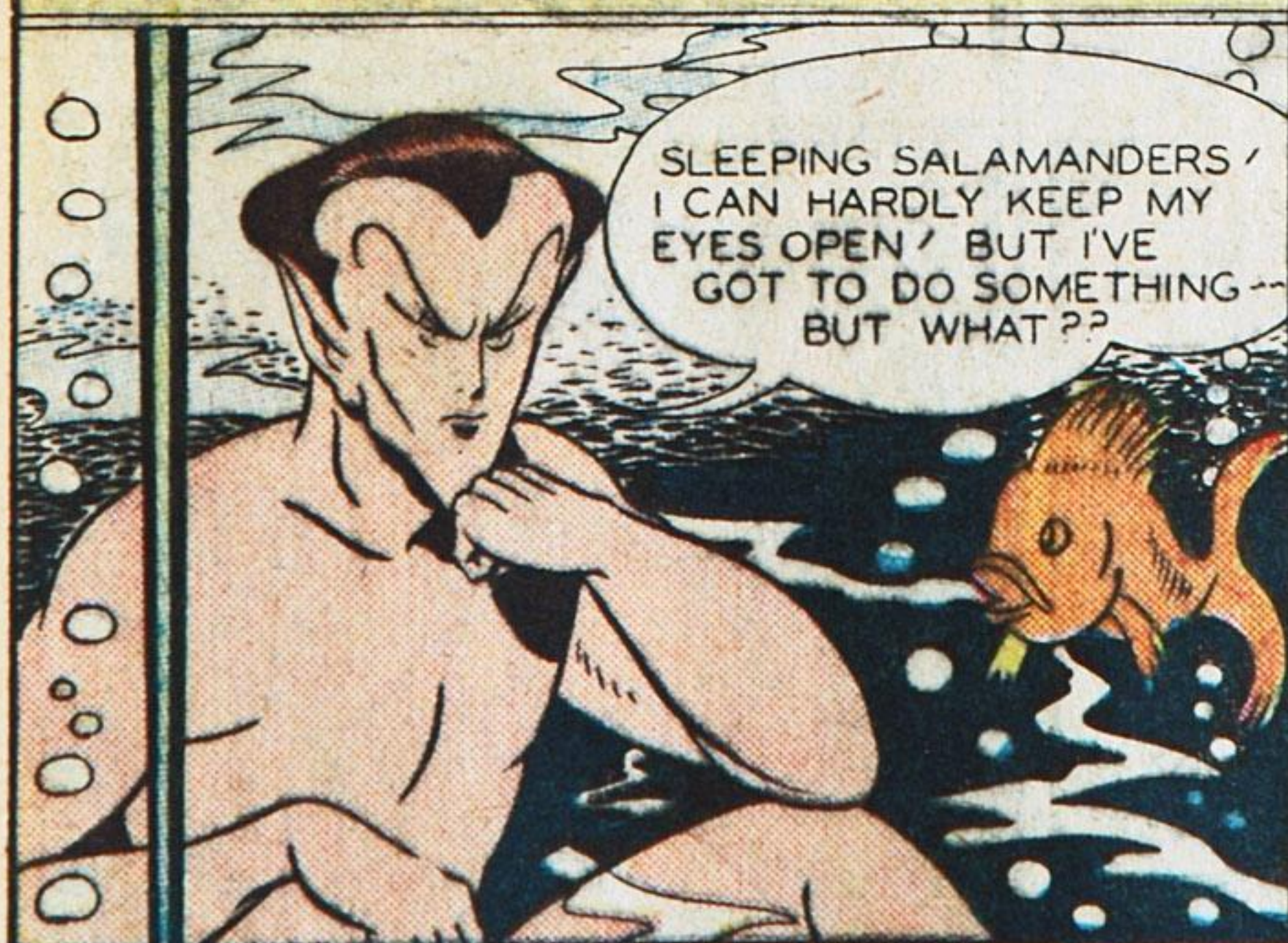
THE RADIO



THE PRESS

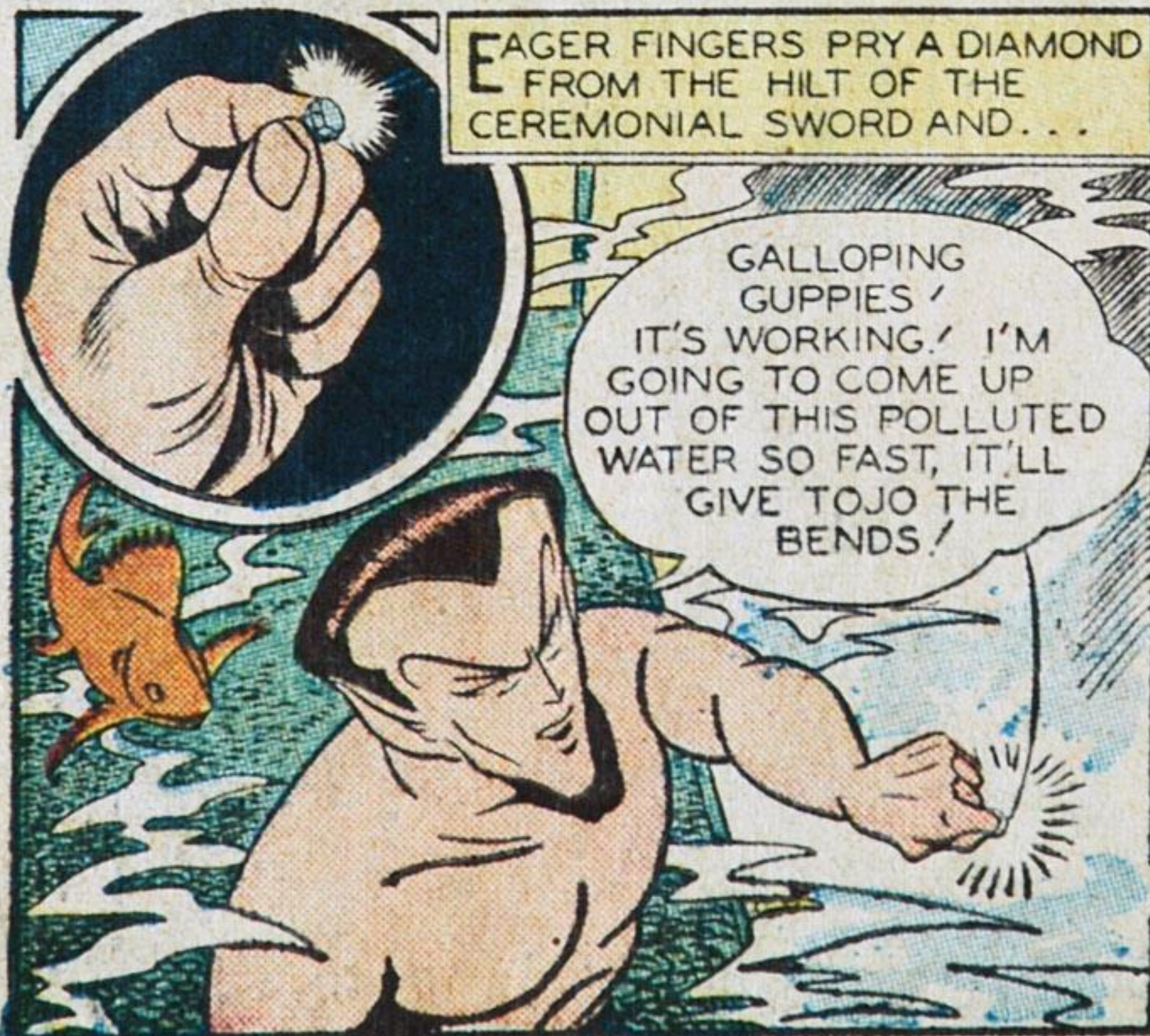


MEANWHILE, KEPT IN A PARALYZING SOLUTION OF
CHLOROFORM AND WATER, SUB-MARINER BEATS
HIS DAZED BRAIN FOR A WAY OF ESCAPE!

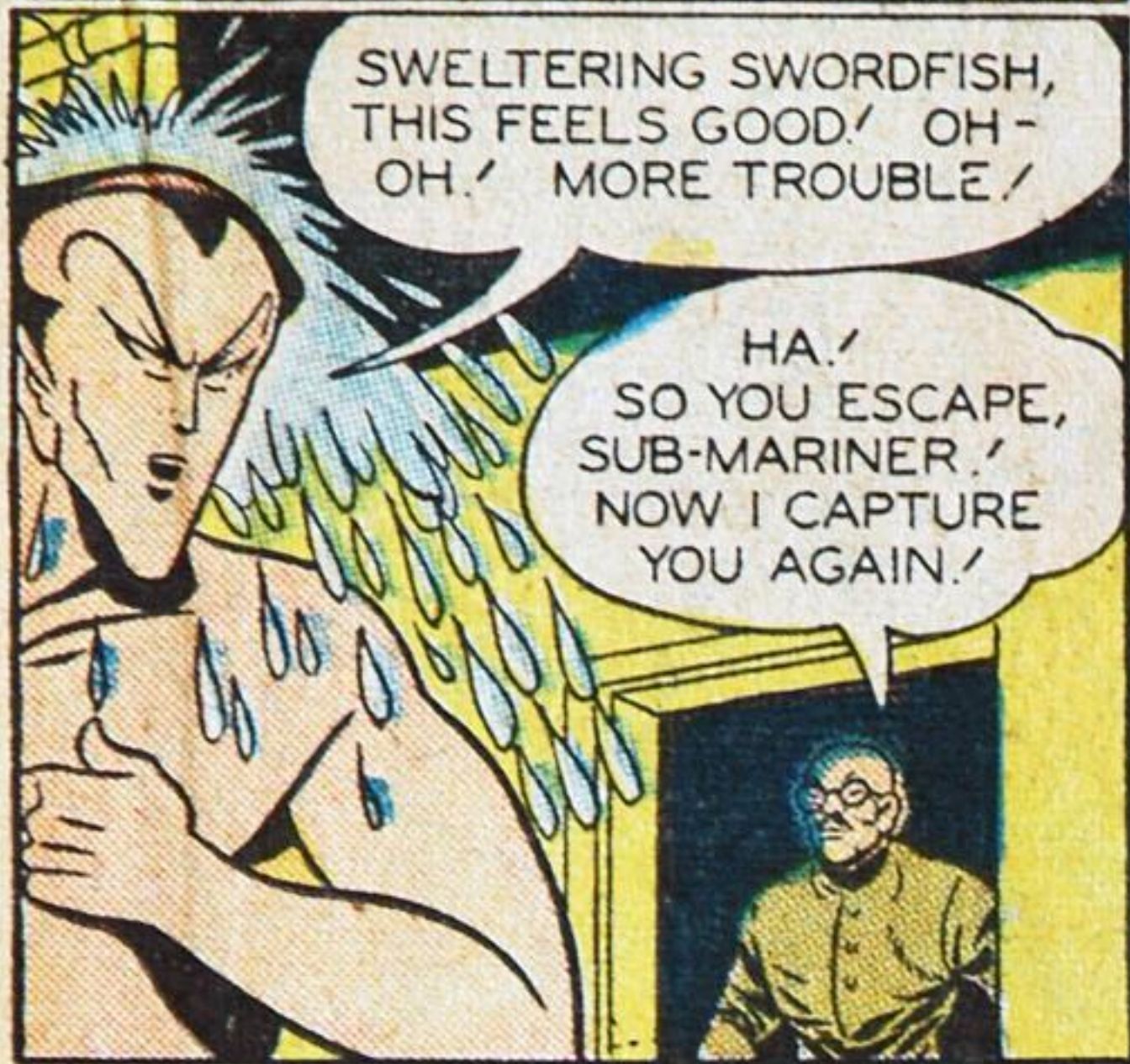


JUST THEN --



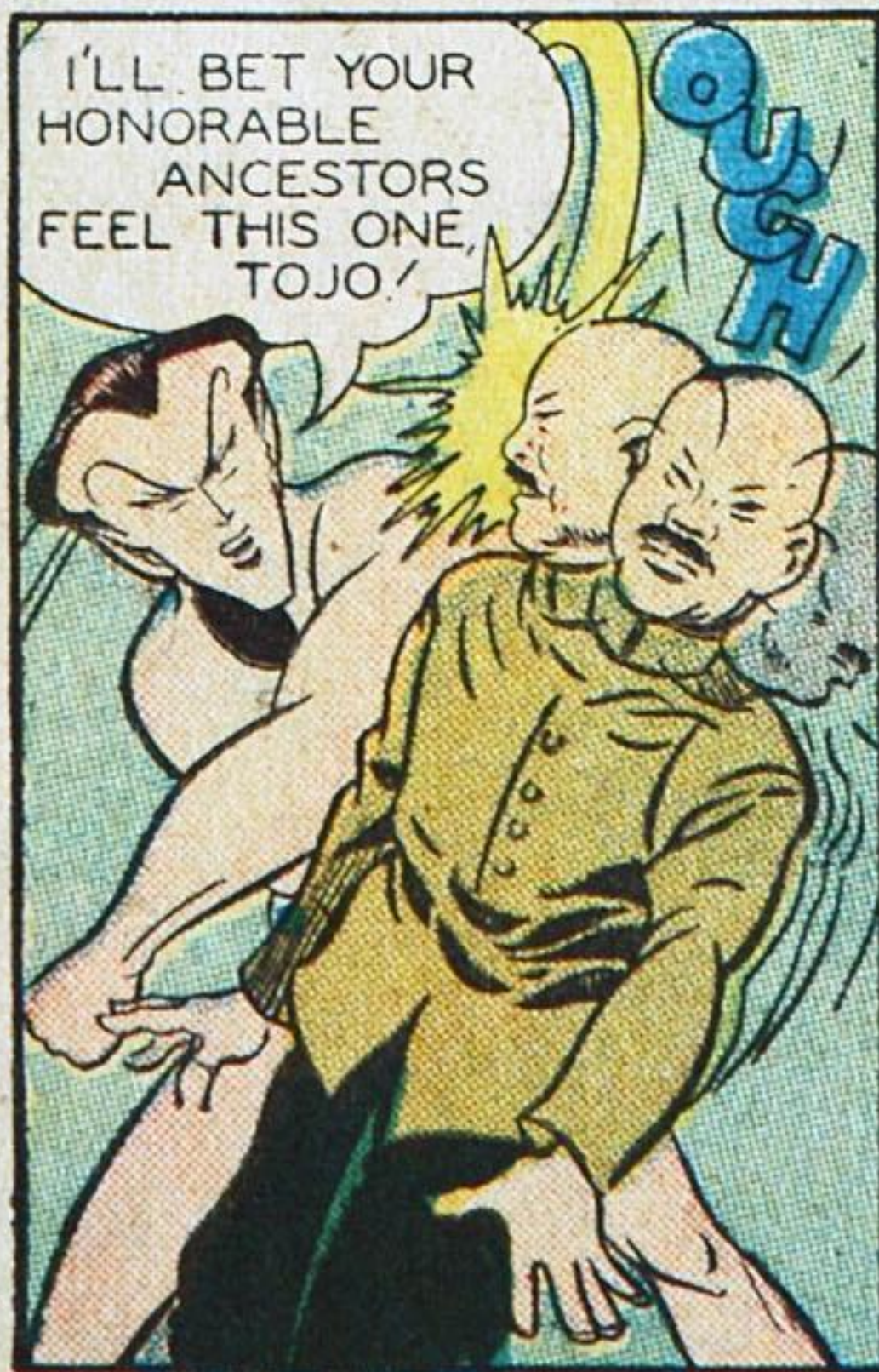


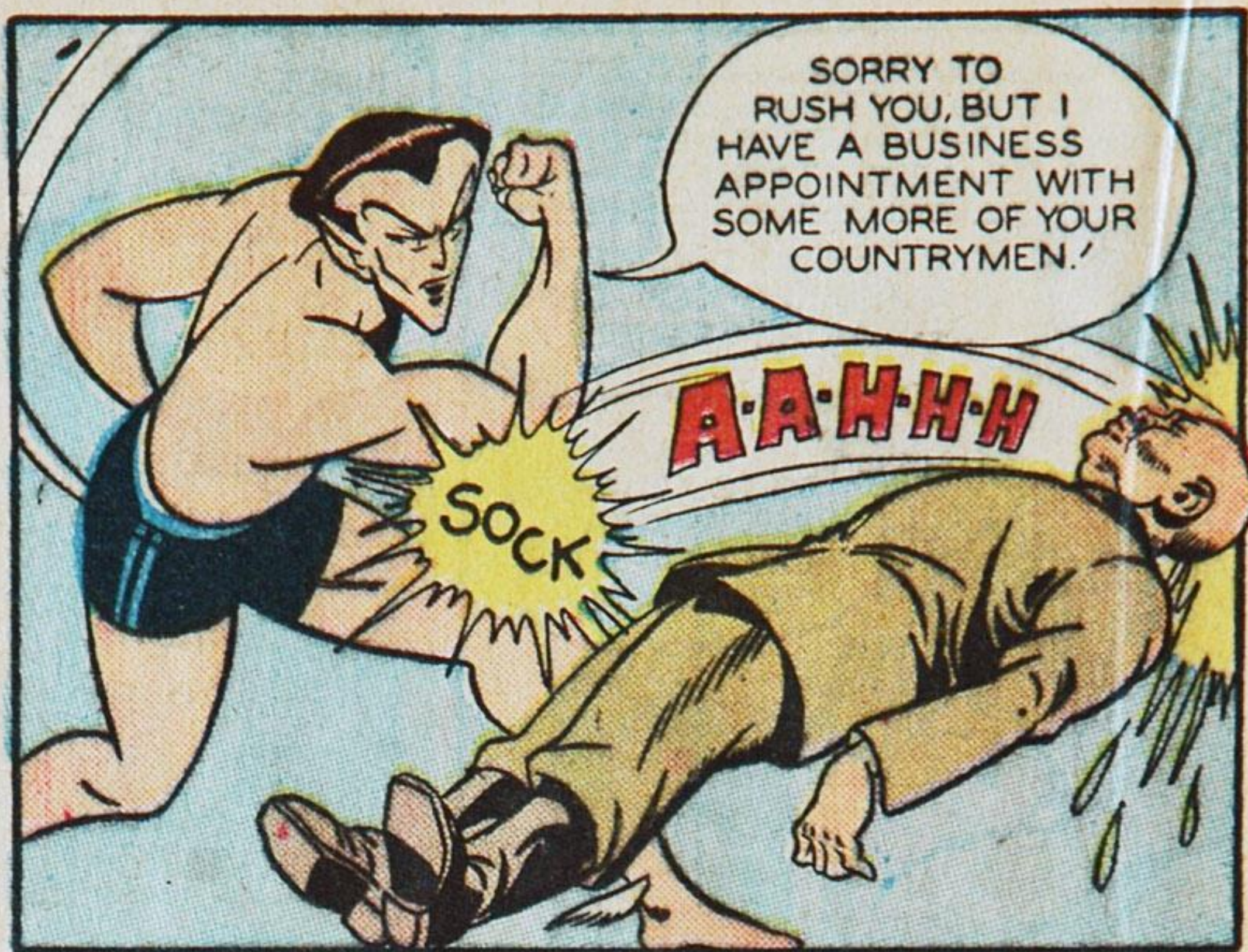
AS FRESH WATER WASHES THE ANESTHETIC FROM SUB-MARINER'S STARVED LUNGS AND BRINGS BACK HIS GIGANTIC STRENGTH~~~~



I WILL BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY! I WILL CRUSH YOU TO DEATH!

SUFFERING SUCKERS! HE'S STARTED BELIEVING HIS OWN PRESS AGENT! COME ON, TOJO! IT'S JAPANESE JIU JITSUI AGAINST GOOD OLD FISTS!



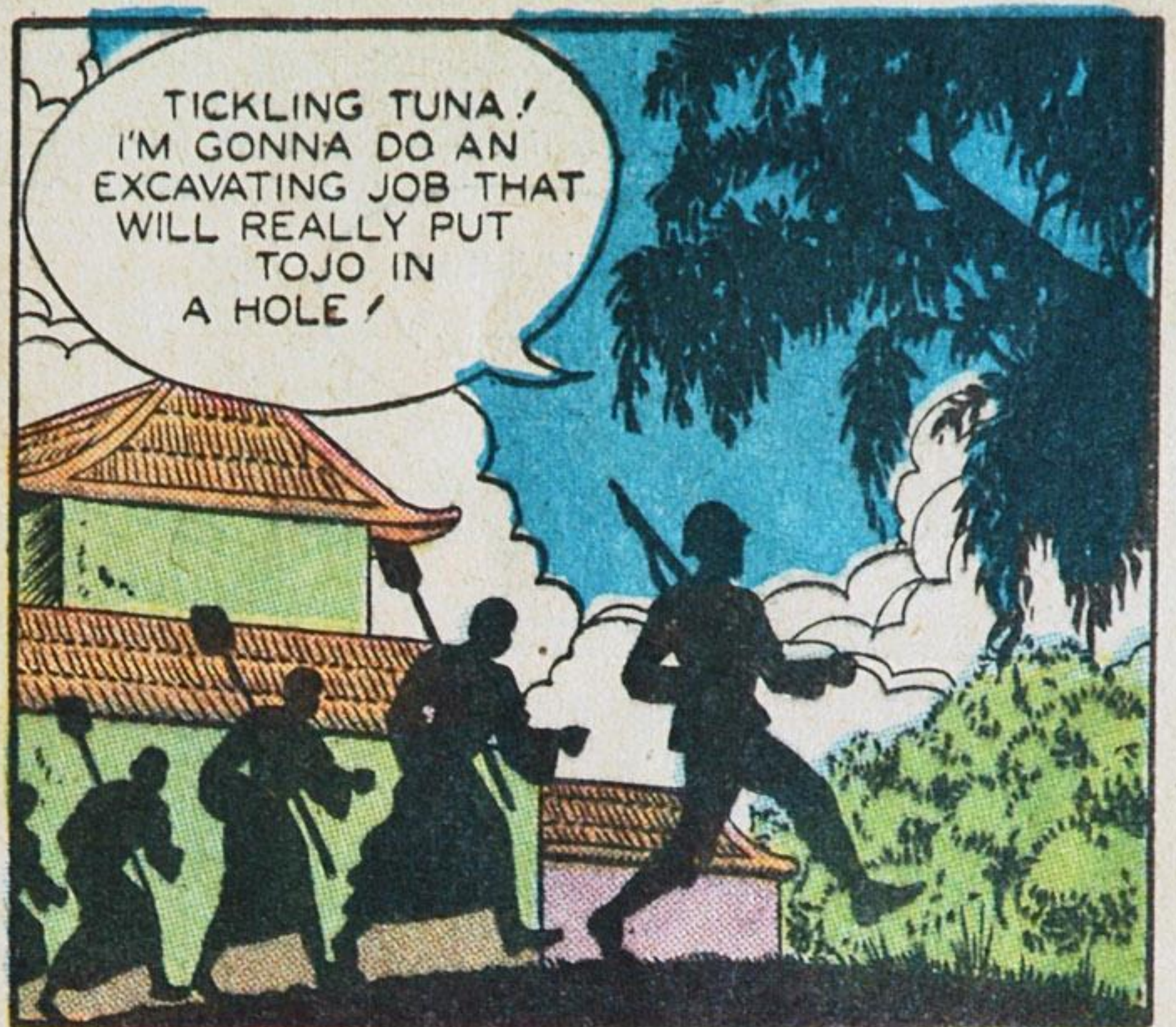




FOLLOW ME!
VERY IMPORTANT
WORK FOR THE
EMPEROR!

HERE GO
AGAIN!
WORK, WORK,
WORK!

WHEN
HUMBLE
STOMACH
GET CHANCE
TO WORK,
TOO?



TICKLING TUNA!
I'M GONNA DO AN
EXCAVATING JOB THAT
WILL REALLY PUT
TOJO IN
A HOLE!

CAREFULLY CHOOSING HIS SITE FOR
MAXIMUM DAMAGE, SUB-MARINER
PUTS HIS DOCILE CREW TO WORK!



START
DIGGING HERE!
A GOOD DEEP
DITCH!



FASTER!
FASTER!

ALWAYS
FASTER! ALREADY
ARE ALMOST TO
HONORABLE
PALACE!

MEANWHILE--THE WORRIED
MIKADO HOLDS AN IMPORT-
ANT CONFERENCE WITH HIS
NEWEST EX-NATIONAL HERO...



SO
SUB-MARINER
ESCAPE!
VERY BAD!
--A LITTLE
HIGHER ON
SHOULDER,
PLEASE!

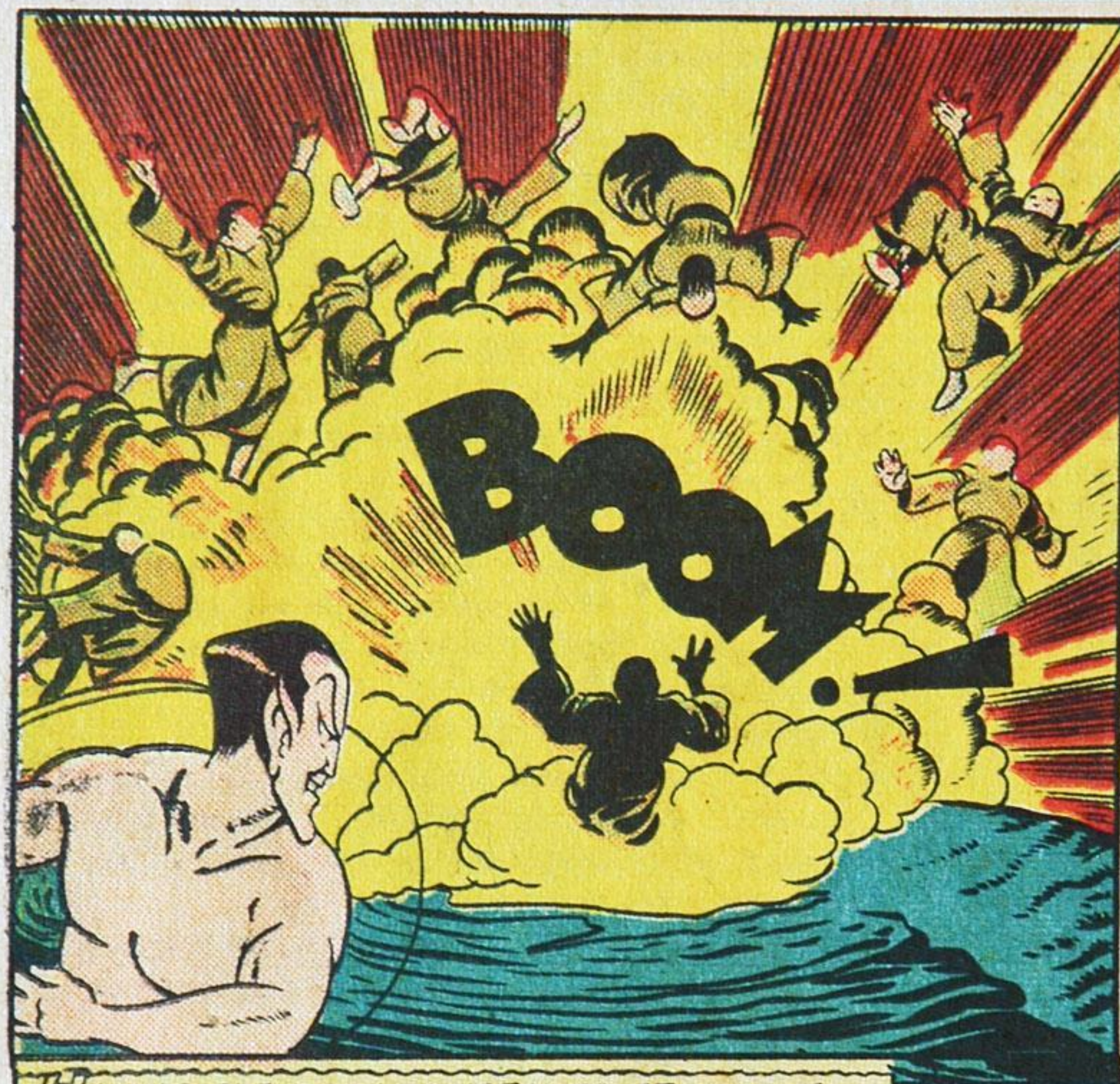
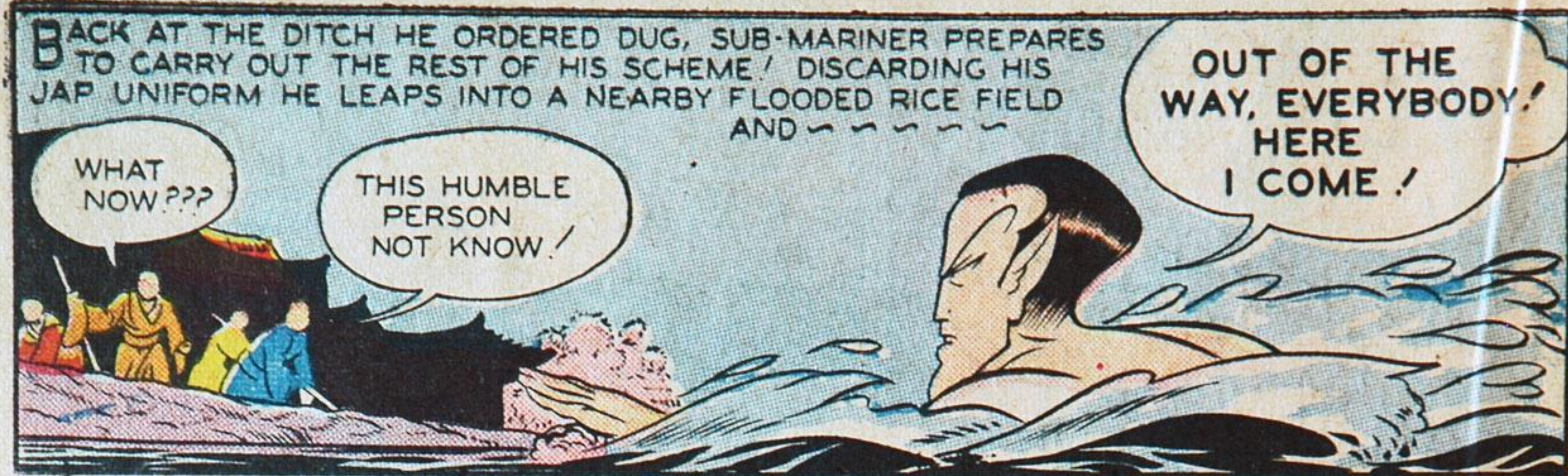
I FIGHT LIKE
ONE
THOUSAND
DEMONS, O
SON OF HEAVEN.
BUT DISHONOR-
ABLE OPPONENT
USE UNFAIR
TACTICS!

SOON SUPERIOR NIPPONESE
TEACH WHOLE WORLD HOW
TO BE CIVILIZED! THEN
EVERYBODY LIVE HAPPILY
AS SLAVES OF JAPAN
BUT RIGHT NOW--



--TASK NUMBER ONE
IS CAPTURE SUB-MARINER
AGAIN! THIS I DO IF IT
KILLS HIM OR ME!

BANZAI!
MUST SAVE
FACE EVEN
IF LOSE
IT IN
PROCESS!

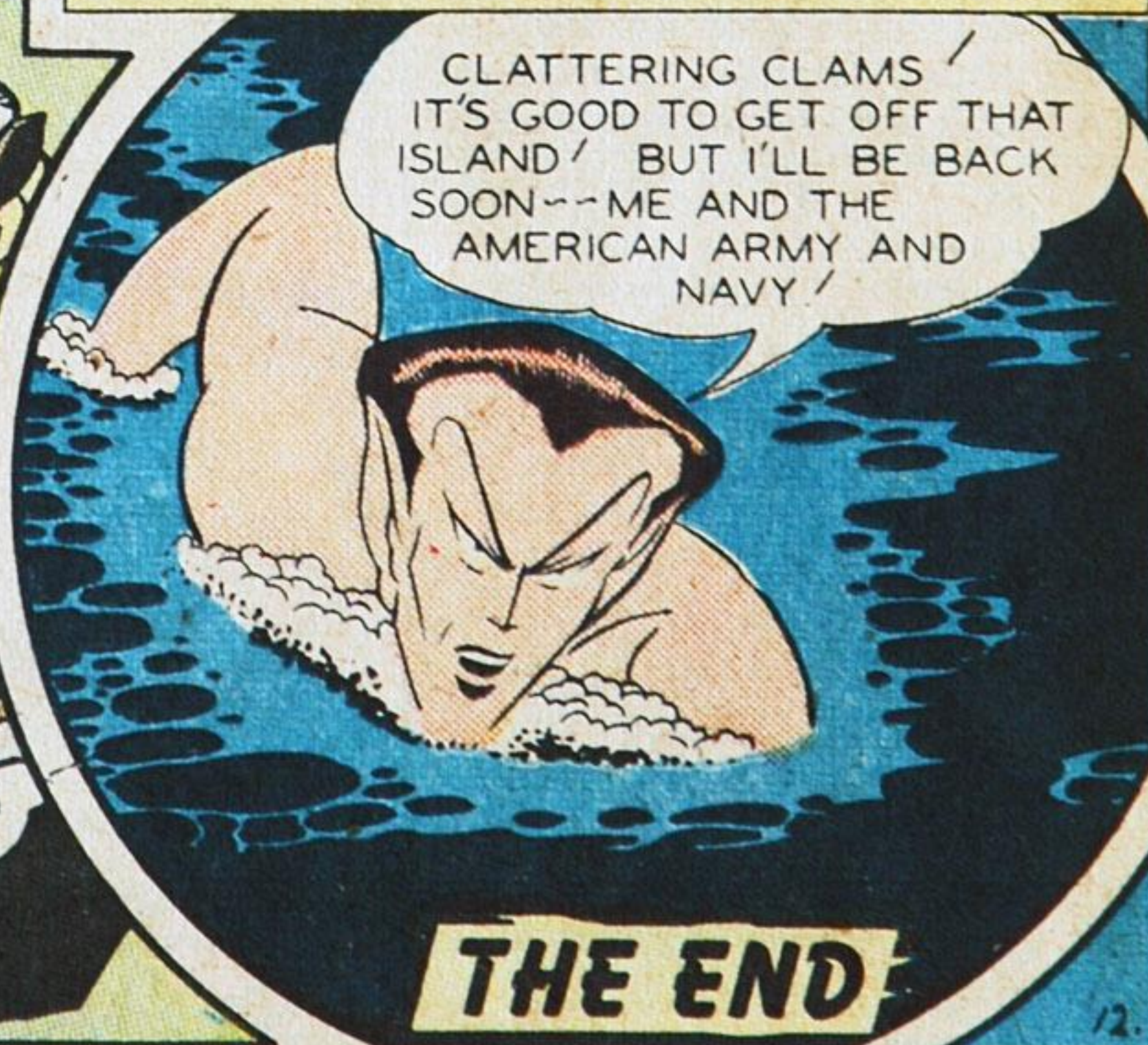


THE EAR-SPLITTING EXPLOSION SHATTERS THE PALACE AND . . .



HAVING CLEVERLY CONCEALED STICKS OF DYNAMITE WHICH HE HAD GATHERED AFTER HIS ESCAPE, SUB-MARINER FLINGS IT INTO THE DITCH. . .

WITH THE HUGE RICE FIELDS DRAINED AND PARCHED ~ ~ AND THE IMPERIAL PALACE IN RUINS ~ ~ SUB-MARINER RETURNS TO HIS HOME IN THE SEVEN SEAS!



"RETURN ENGAGEMENT"

EVERYBODY at the depot figured old Dan Richards was a has-been. He was lean and lanky, with the leathery cheeks of a guy who's spent most of his days outdoors. The afternoon he walked into the shop, after having spent the morning writing out his application blanks and the stuff that went with it, the boys all took a look. A couple snickered. I didn't. Because Mr. Allen, the foreman, was with old Dan. Mr. Allen headed straight over to where I was standing beside the big over-land coach.

Mr. Allen said, "Mr. Marks (that's me), shake hands with Daniel Richards. Dan's going to break in on your run, Jack. Uncle Sam will probably need you before long, for more important things."

"YOU CAN take over," I told Dan when we made our first stop. "You'll have to sooner or later. If you're going to nurse one of these jobs, you'll have to learn."

"I don't reckon I'll have much trouble," old Dan said. He'd been sitting complacently alongside me all the time, listening to what I had to say, doing little talking himself. He was all eyes and ears and I hoped that he'd get the hang of this quickly. Especially since, at the end of our run, I could stop off for a couple of days home and turn the job over to Dan. Only . . . it didn't work out that way.

"You're a Southerner?" I asked Dan once. "I thought they went in for cotton and cattle down there."

The muscle along old Dan's leathery jaws kind of bulged, as if perhaps I'd insulted him. "Transportation's an important thing down there, same as it is up here," he said in a gentle voice. "Sure, I've been a herd rider for a long time. Was sheriff of Sutter County for ten years. Had a ranch of my own, too. I've worked cotton. But I've done a lot of driving just the same and this is important!"

"You don't call raising cattle important?"

"Sure." He looked me over with something hard and bright in his blue eyes. "Sure, it's im-

portant. But I haven't been in that line for years, now, son. I have been driving a truck. So . . . I'm here to do what I figure I'm best fitted to do."

FOR a couple of minutes I was sore. "I thought you've been handling big combinations. The way you talked—"

"I have." His voice was the same drawl. "But I've been out of harness for a couple of months. You've gotta give us old codgers time."

"I guess so!" I growled. "A lot of time. I'm beginning to think you'd better go back to riding herd. You don't have to worry about shifting gears with a horse at least!"

It must have hurt, and I knew I shouldn't have said it. I was sorry later, but that was too late. For the rest of that run, old Dan lost all interest. I wouldn't have been surprised if he'd dropped out when we hit our stop.

We reached the end of our run early the following morning. Both of us were ready for some shut-eye. And Dan was already at the depot when I got there in time to start on schedule the next day.

"I checked over the passenger list," Dan admitted. "Corbitt says we've got to make this run on time . . . if we never make another."

I looked at Dan. "What's up? Who've we got booked for the trip?"

"Some hombre by the name of Stanley. Doc Stanley. He couldn't make train reservations." Dan gave me a sidelong look. "Guess he's a big shot. He's been down in the capital. Don't know just what the connections are."

"That's okay," I said. "You'll have plenty of big shots riding your coach if you stay with this job. Especially nowadays."

DAN took the wheel leaving town. And sitting there beside him, as I had the other day, I got the same feeling: that Dan was a good driver, but nothing else. That's where I was wrong.

We made our mid-morning stop, then got rolling again. Dan stuck to the wheel. He seemed to be doing better today, and for a while I relaxed and got a little rest. I'd brought along a blood-and-thunder magazine to read. Now I dug it out of my back pocket and opened it. I read for a while, without worrying about how Dan was making out.

I was halfway through a good short story when it happened. I hadn't paid any attention to the big mirror up above the windshield, and didn't see the guy coming. Maybe Dan had, but didn't pay any attention. The first thing I knew, I heard a voice say, "Okay, Butch. Pull this job up that next road. The one on the right. No funny stuff. This is the business!"

I twisted around, saw an ugly face right near us, an uglier looking gun pointed right at old Dan.

Dan eased the bus over to the side, swung wide into the side road, and along it a short distance.

"Okay," the ugly mug said. "Stop here!"

When Dan released the folding doors, the ugly bird stepped aside, and two more people came out. One was another pretty looking guy, like the first, and the other one was . . . Doc Stanley . . . from the capital!

DOC STANLEY stepped down onto the road . . . And started to run! But the guy right behind him must have been expecting something of the sort, because he landed on Doc Stanley and they went tumbling down into a ditch alongside the road. Dust eddied up. The ugly mug back of us stepped into the door, forgetting us for a second . . .

Through the dust I could see them giving Doc Stanley the works. It was nasty. My throat got hot. I slid out of the seat.

"Hold it—!" Old Dan warned.

But I shook off his hand, leaped down into the road. One of the ugly mugs whirled. The gun in his hand came up—

I hit him and hit him hard. The gun smashed almost into my face, but his head was back between his shoulder blades then, and I could feel his nose flattening under my fist. He went spinning back into the gully . . . and the other guy came clawing up, gun in hand, headed for me. I saw the doctor down in the weeds, lying still. There was blood over his face and his clothes were torn around his shoulders. . . .

I think I'd have finished this guy if reinforcements hadn't arrived. I don't know from where. They must have figured on snatching Stanley, and had had a carload of these guys off in the brush somewhere, waiting for the kill.

Someone yelled, "Plug him! Let's get going—"

Old Dan came out of the bus like greased lightning. I saw his hands. Big hands, like shovels. Cuddling butts of two revolvers. One of them went off. The roar of it made my ears sing. Someone yelped. Another shot . . . two more so close they blended almost as one. . . .

OLD DAN didn't bother to aim. He fired from the hip. Like the old-timers in the blood-and-thunder West, you've probably read about. He'd been sheriff of Sutter County years ago. . . .

I parked on the bus step. It was quiet inside. Looking up at Dan's lanky figure, looking at those shovel-like hands, I almost loved the guy!

I heard Dan drawl, "I reckon that'll hold

those hombres for a spell. There's two of 'em we can lug into the next town. They'll need a dump truck for the rest!"

There was a nurse among the passengers. Doc Stanley wasn't badly hurt. She patched up both of us.

Dan took the wheel again. You couldn't see those guns of his now, back in their shoulder holsters under his worn jacket.

I said, "Boy, that was some shooting!"

Dan chuckled. There was a soft grin around his leathery mouth. "Shucks, son. That was nothing. Why, years ago . . ." He stopped, looked at me out of bright blue eyes and chuckled again.

"You couldn't have done better," I said. And to myself I admitted, "Chump. You thought he was a has-been. Boy, he's just getting started."

THE END

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(Signed) MARTIN GOODMAN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day
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(SEAL)

SYLVIA FIEGEN.

(My commission expires, March 30, 1945.)

THE DESTROYER



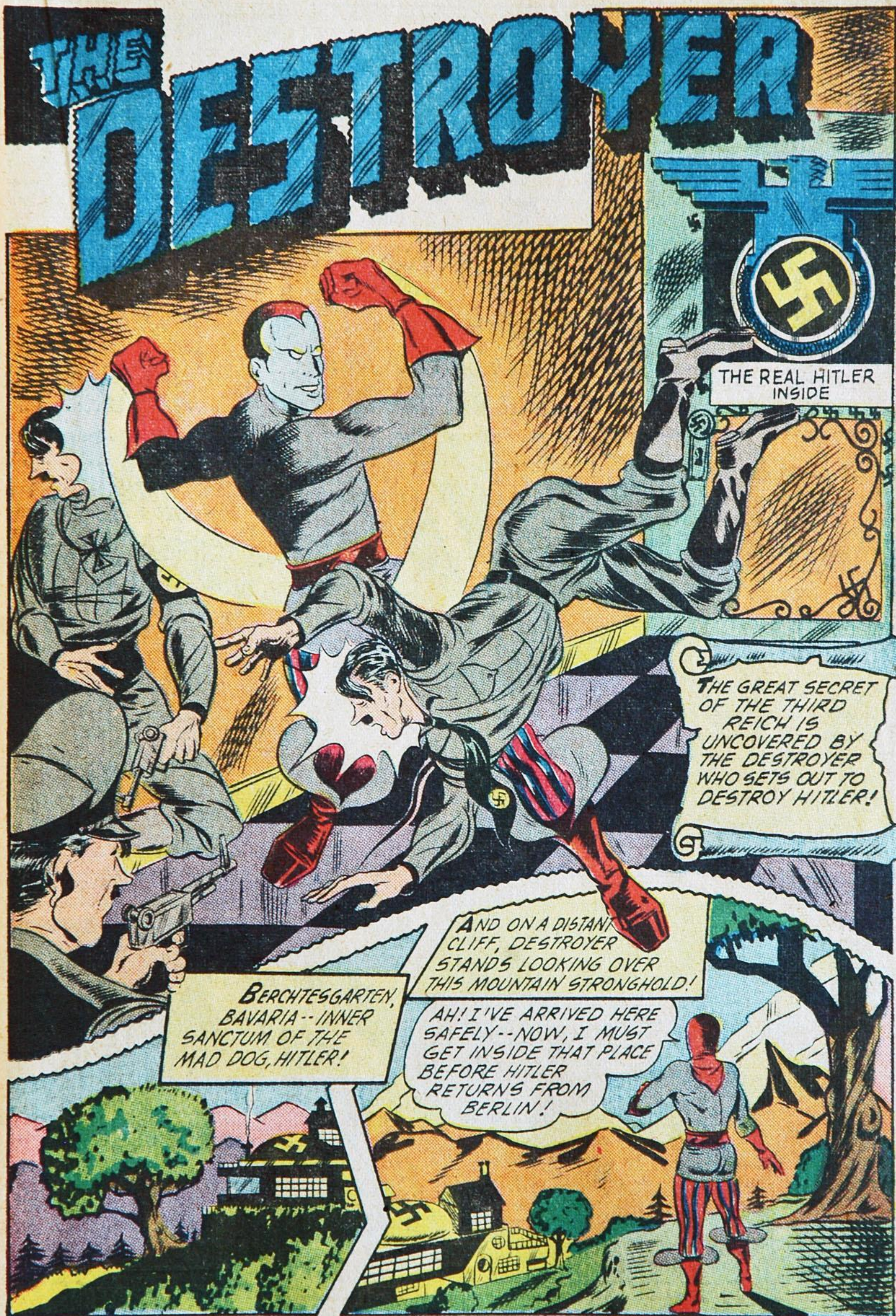
THE REAL HITLER
INSIDE

THE GREAT SECRET
OF THE THIRD
REICH IS
UNCOVERED BY
THE DESTROYER
WHO SETS OUT TO
DESTROY HITLER!

AND ON A DISTANT
CLIFF, DESTROYER
STANDS LOOKING OVER
THIS MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD!

BERCHTESGARTEN,
BAVARIA-- INNER
SANCTUM OF THE
MAD DOG, HITLER!

AH! I'VE ARRIVED HERE
SAFELY-- NOW, I MUST
GET INSIDE THAT PLACE
BEFORE HITLER
RETURNS FROM
BERLIN!





DISGUISED, THE DESTROYER SWIFTLY REJOINS THE PATROL.

HAH! THEY DIDN'T HEAR A THING! I'M ON MY WAY TO PLAY POSSUM WITH HERR HITLER!



AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE INTO BERCHTESGARTEN...

EVERYTHING IS AS QUIET AS USUAL, KAPITAN!

JA! GOOT, SERGEANT!

ONCE PAST THIS GATE, I'M ALL SET!



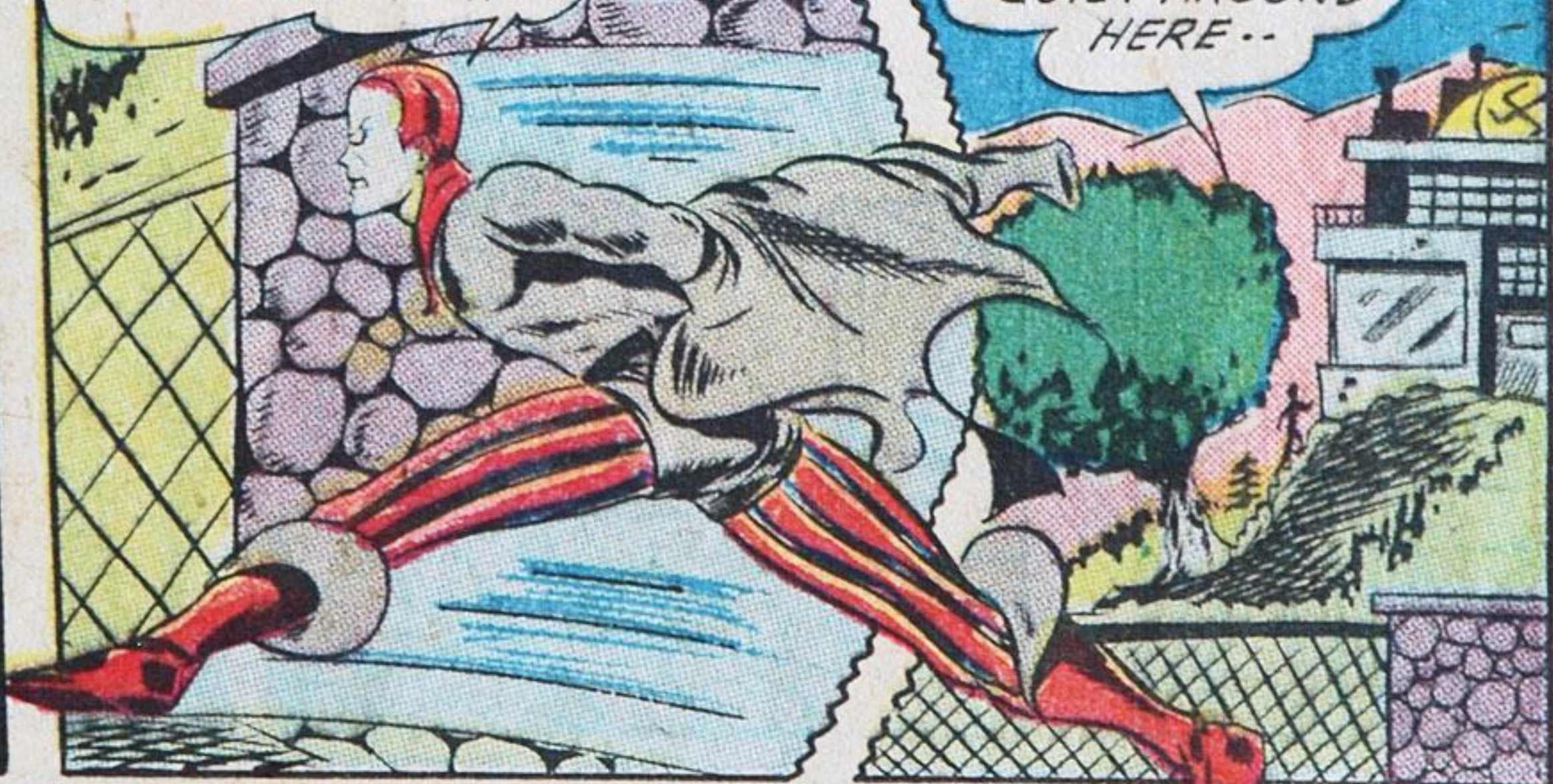
DESTROYER SUCCESSFULLY ENTERS WITH THE PATROL THEN...

THEY WON'T MISS ME TILL THEY GET TO THE GUARD-HOUSE -- THEN IT WILL BE TOO LATE!



THE DESTROYER DISCARDS THE NAZI UNIFORM...

AND NOW, HERR SCHICKELGRUBER, YOU'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE DESTROYER!



... AND CAUTIOUSLY APPROACHES HITLER'S HIDE-OUT!

HMM! KIND OF QUIET AROUND HERE --

HE GETS INSIDE WITHOUT DETECTION!

QUITE AN ARGUMENT IN THERE - WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?

DOTS A LIE!

NIEN! IT IS NOT!



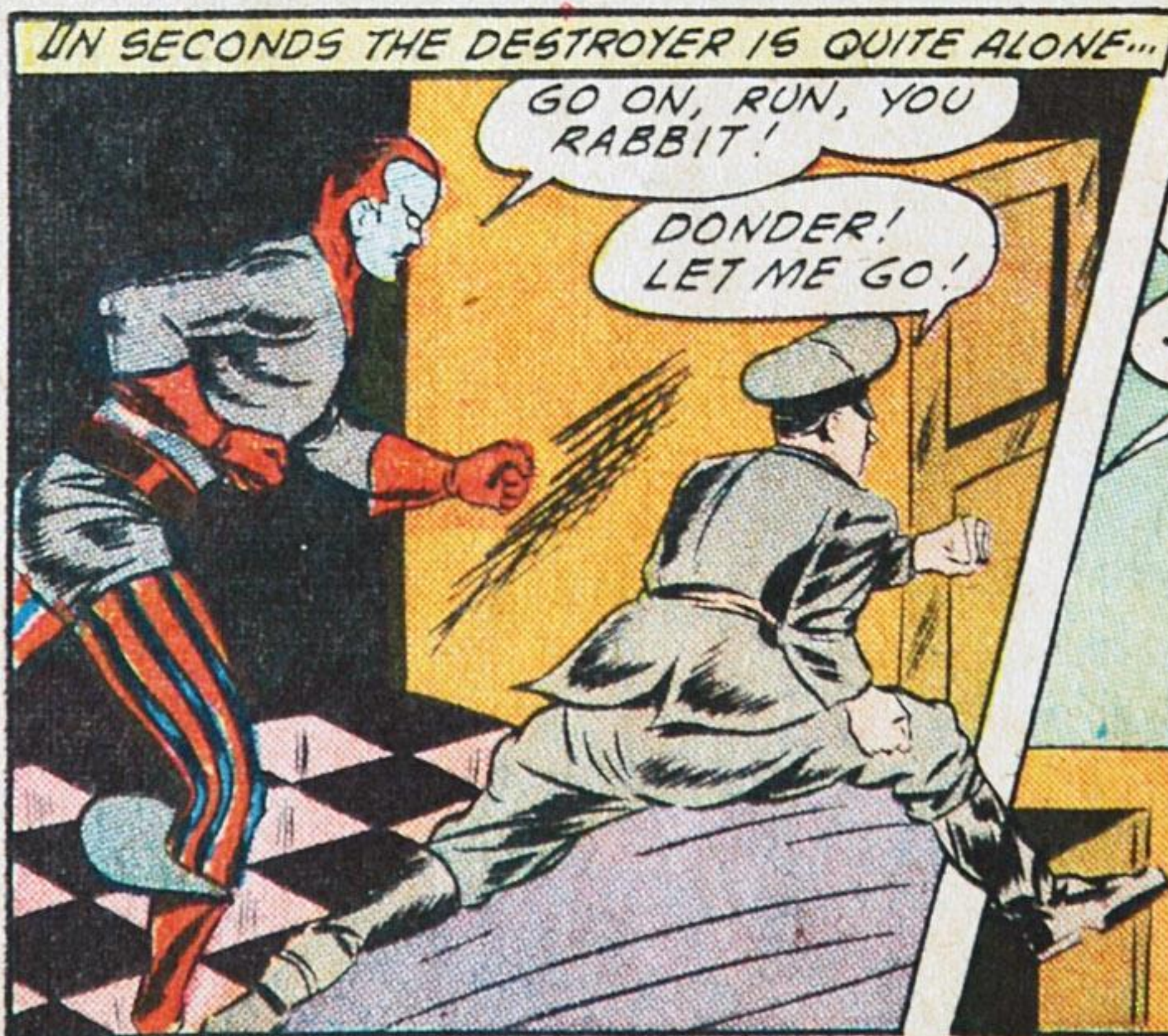
DESTROYER LOOKS IN UPON AN UNUSUAL SIGHT!

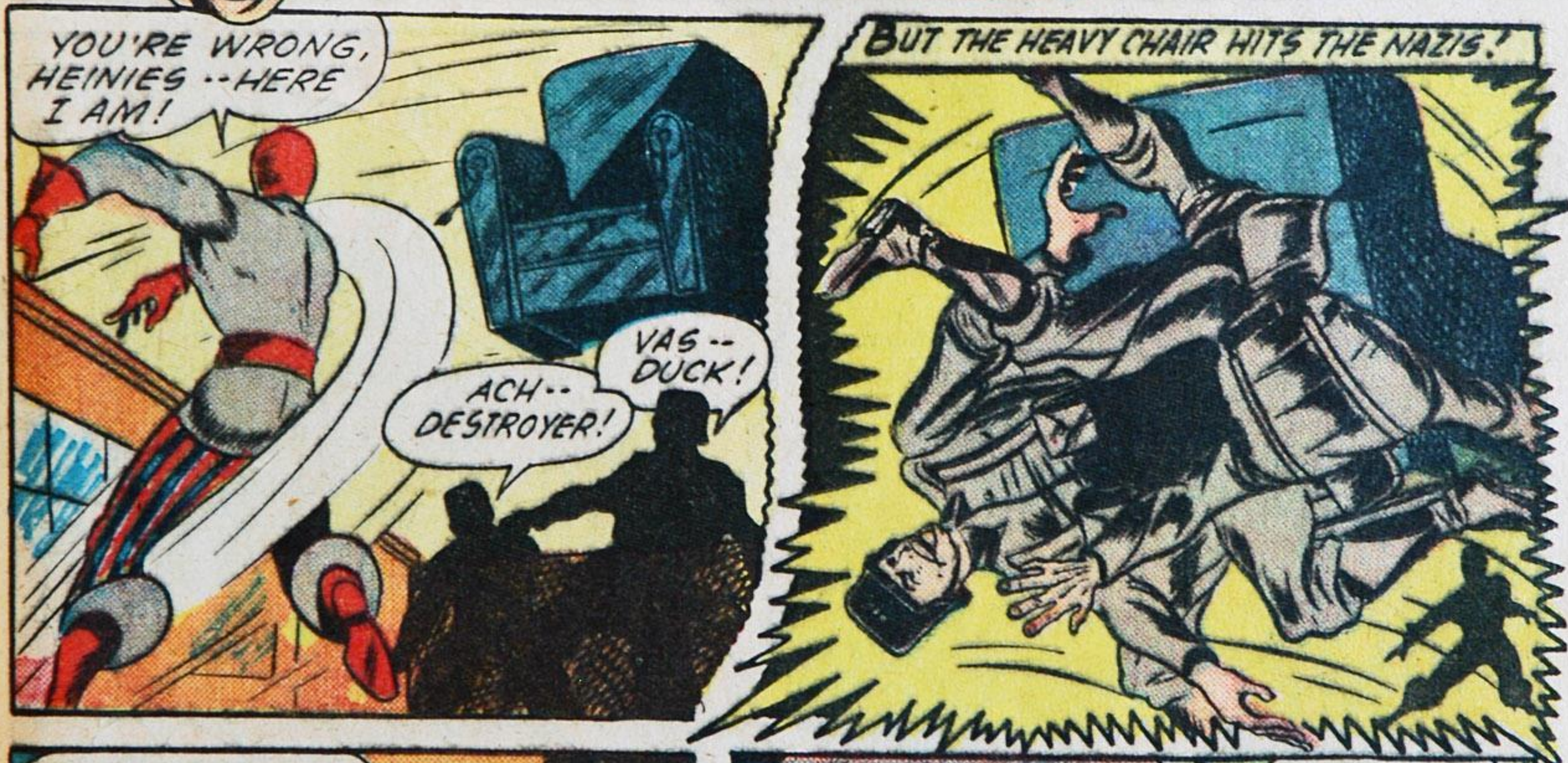
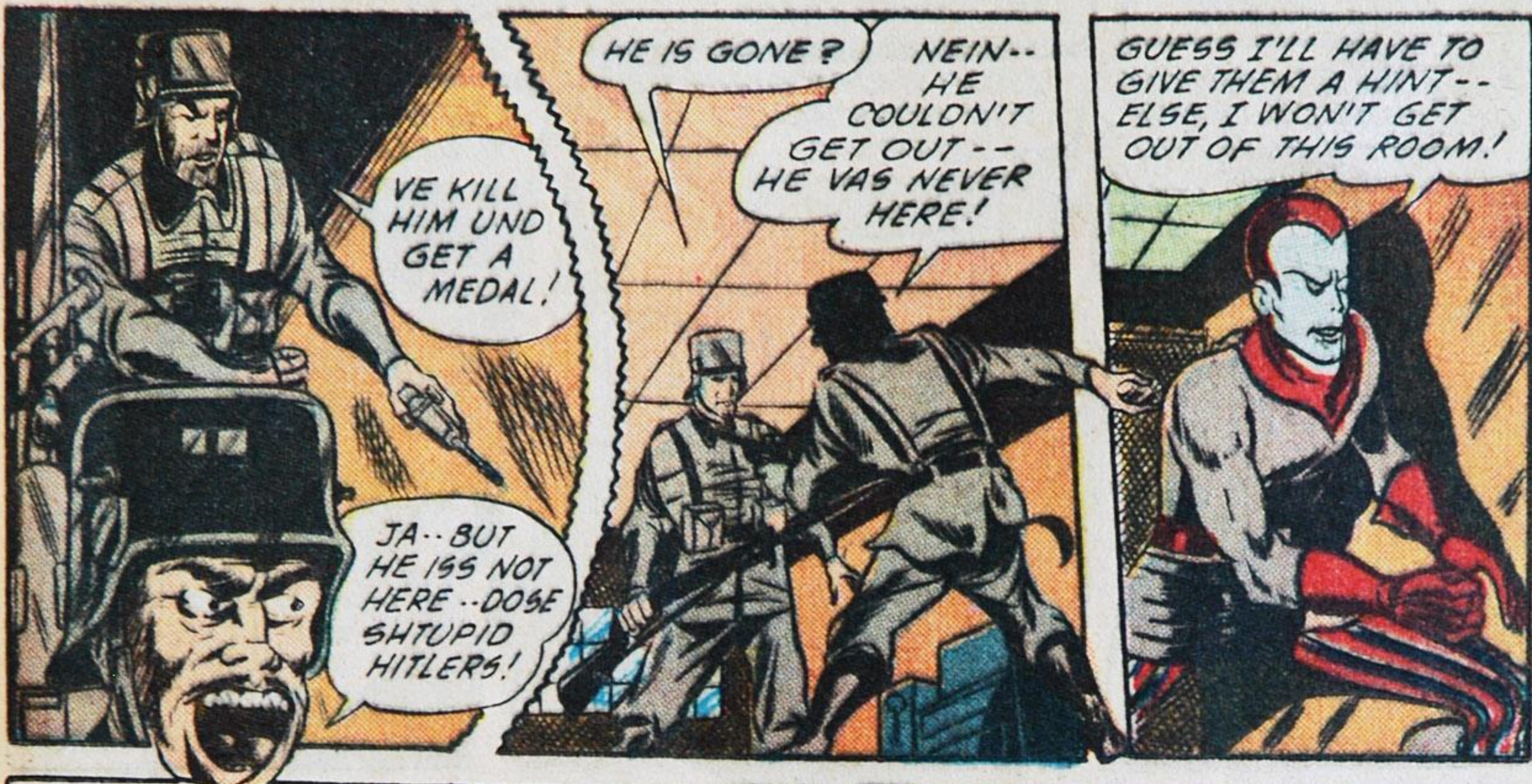
BAH, ERNEST -- HE TOLD ME PERSONALLY DOT I WAS DER BEST OF ALL!

ACH! NIEN!

GOOD GRIEF! A HALF-DOZEN HITLERS!





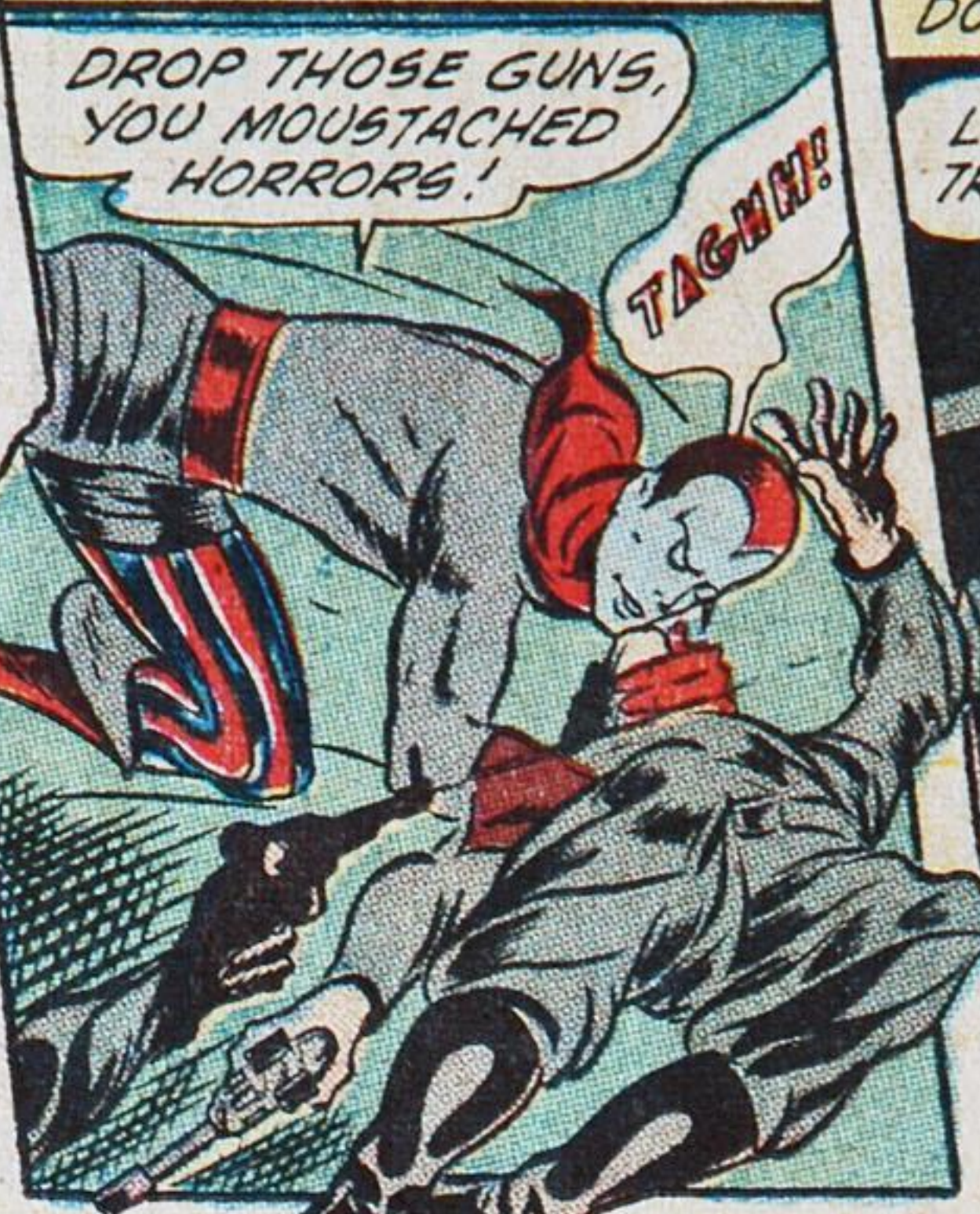


THE LITTLE HITLERS
FIRE--



SAVE OURSELVES!
STOP SHAKING, YOU BRAVE GUYS, AND MAYBE YOU'LL HIT ME!

DESTROYER LEAPS ---



DROP THOSE GUNS, YOU MOUSTACHED HORRORS!

AND AT A WELL GUARDED
DOOR IN THE CORRIDOR AHEAD.



LISTEN-- TROUBLE!

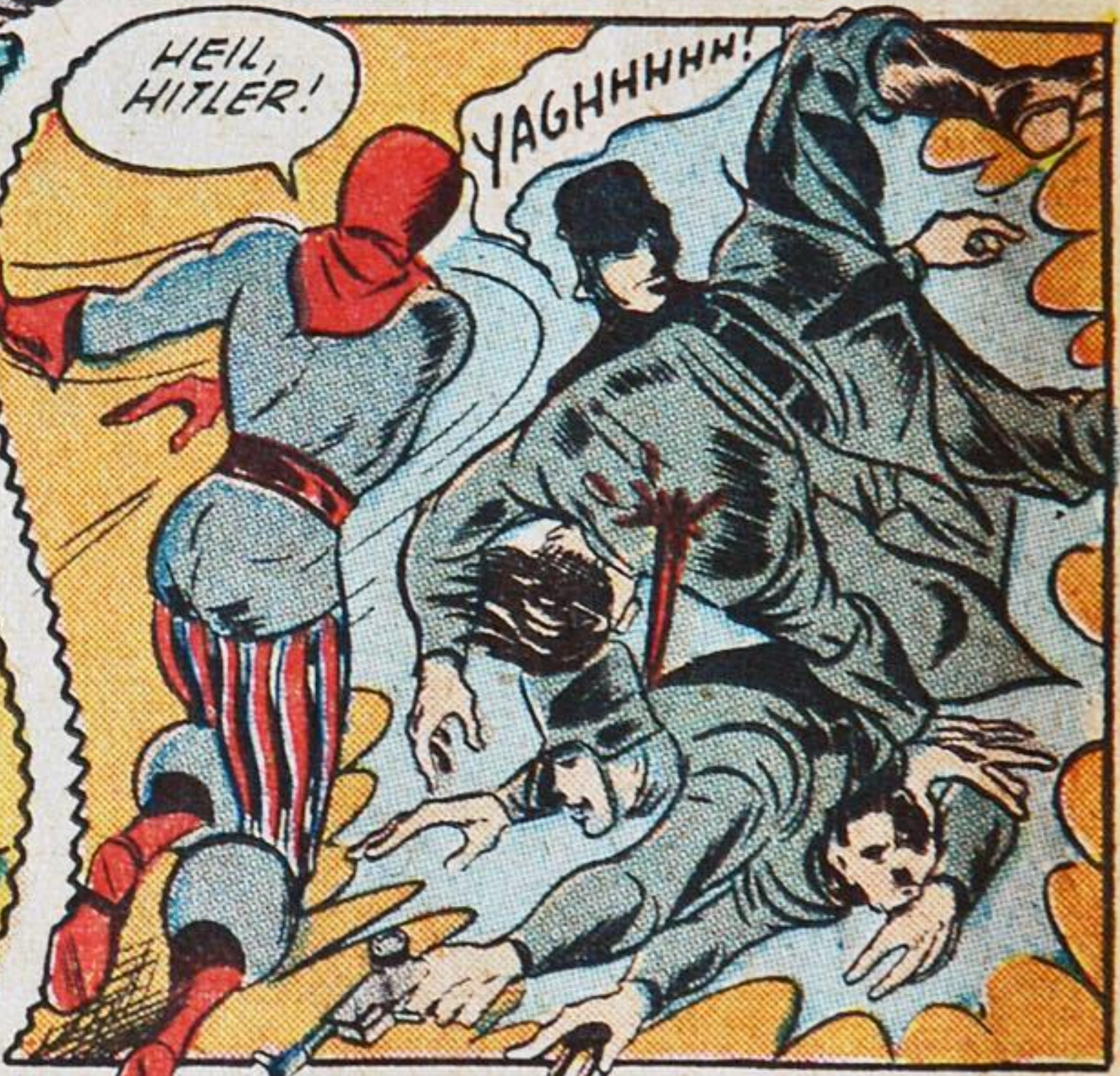
JA! VE MUST SEE VWHAT ISS WRONG OR DER FUEHRER VILL SHOOT US!

THE GUARDS RUSH TO THE ROOM
AND STOP SHORT--



HIMMEL! IT'S DER DESTROYER!

SHOOT, DUMBKOPF!



HEIL, HITLER!

YAGHHHHH!



THEY'RE ALL OUT COLD-- TOO BAD I CAN'T RISK ANY MORE SHOTS BEING HEARD--



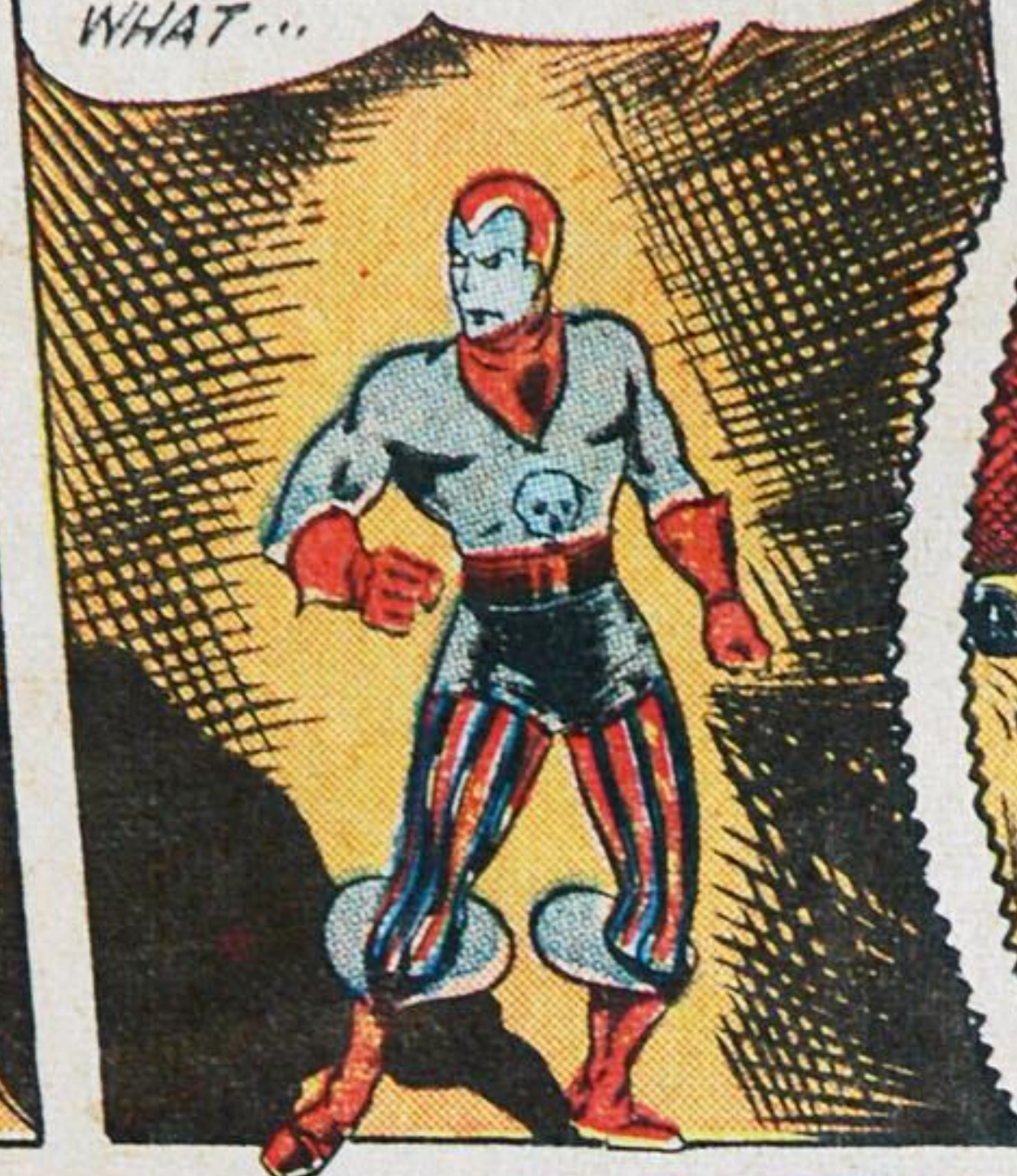
HMM -- NOW TO FIND A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE UNTIL THE REAL HITLER GETS BACK... THAT DOOR LOOKS PROMISING!

DESTROYER ENTERS--

WELL, THIS IS LUCK--
LOOKS LIKE HITLER'S
PRIVATE
OFFICE!



THERE'S A LIGHT BEHIND
THOSE CURTAINS -- WONDER
WHAT...



A BED?! NOW, WHAT IN
TARNATION IS A BED DO-
ING IN THIS OFFICE ---
SOMEONE'S IN IT, TOO!



THE DESTROYER
EDGES CLOSE
TO THE BED..

WELL,
I'LL
BE...
I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!



ADOLF HITLER!
SICK AS A DOG --
BUT, IS THIS THE
REAL HITLER?

THEN...

THERE'S ANOTHER
DOOR -- AND
SOMEONE'S IN
THAT ROOM!

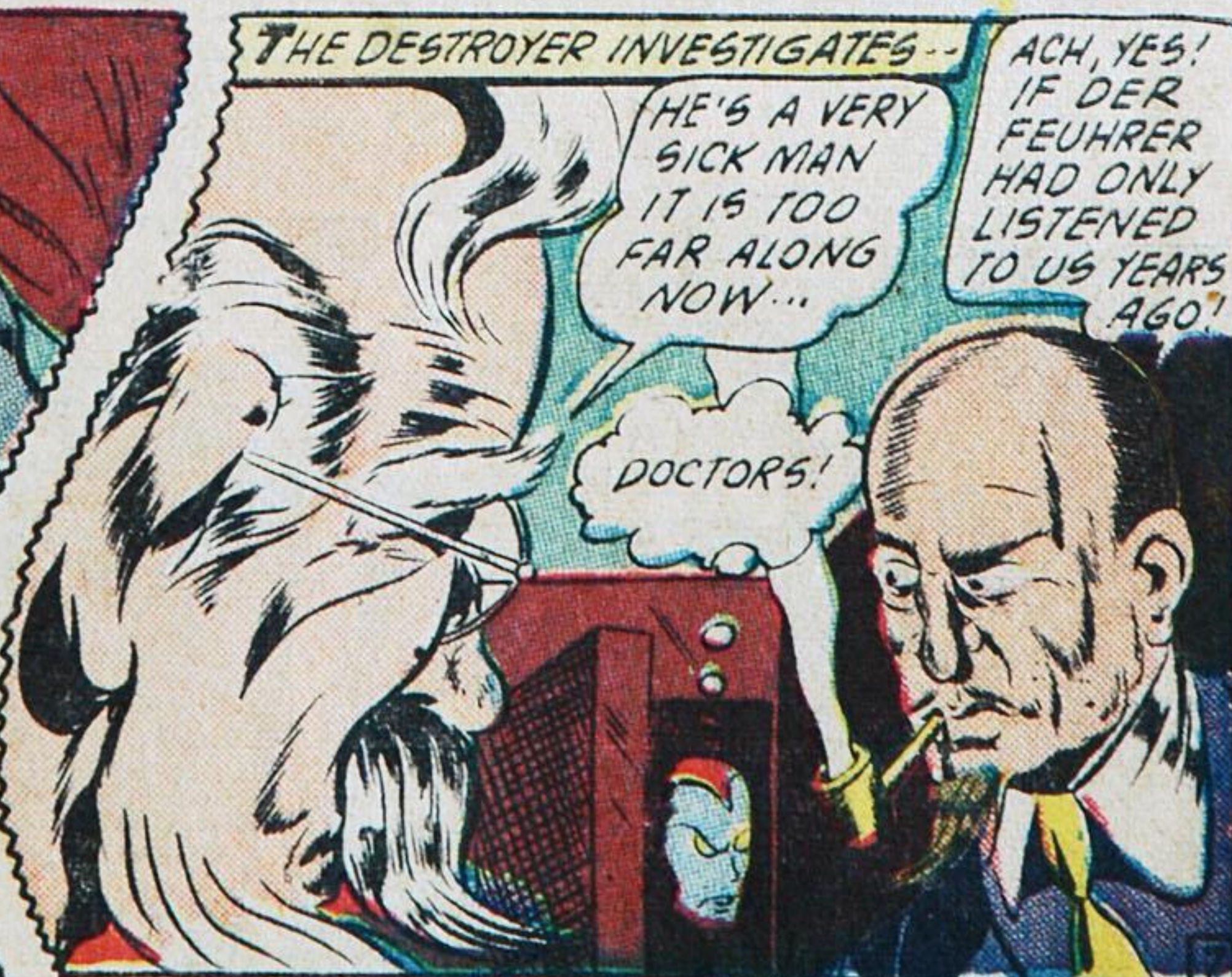


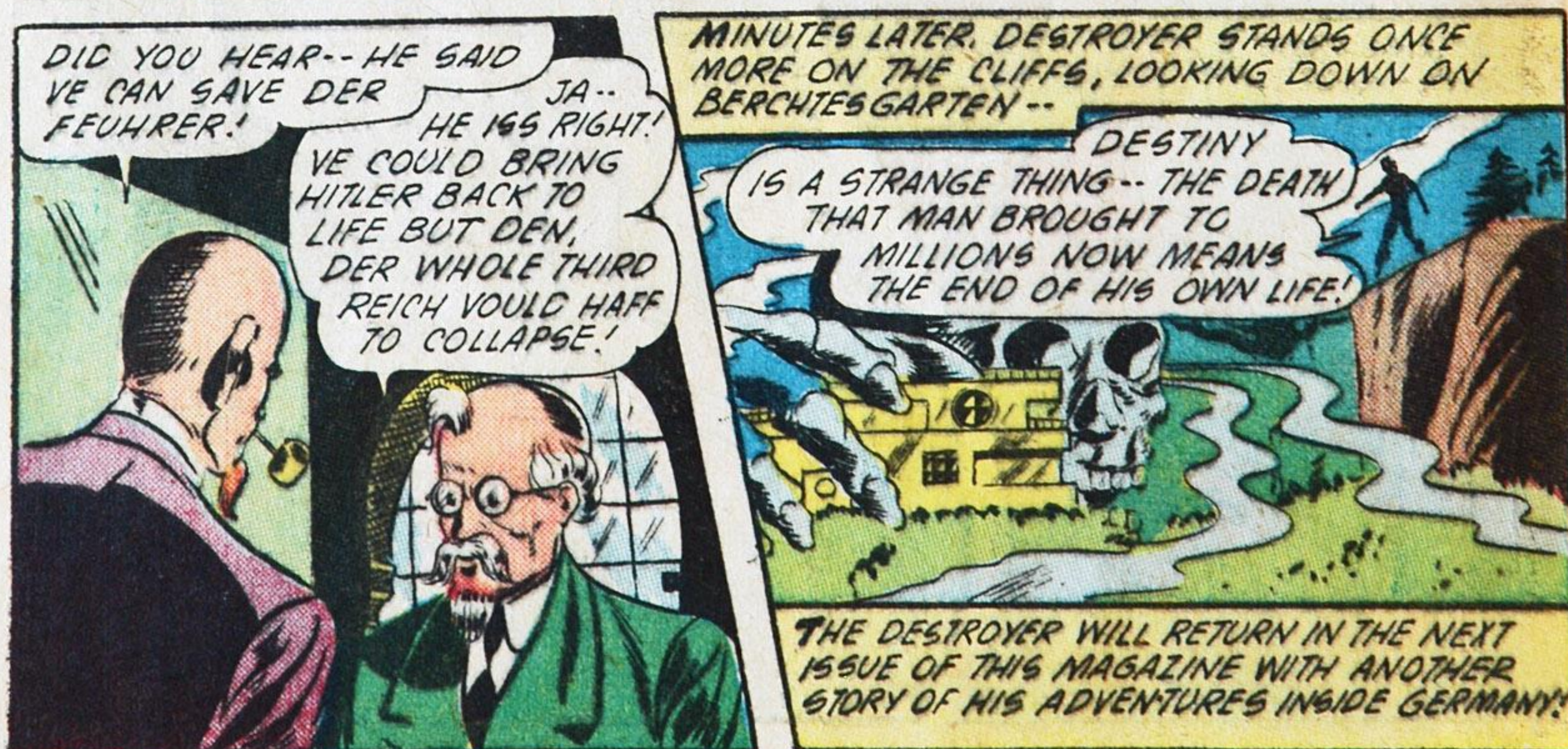
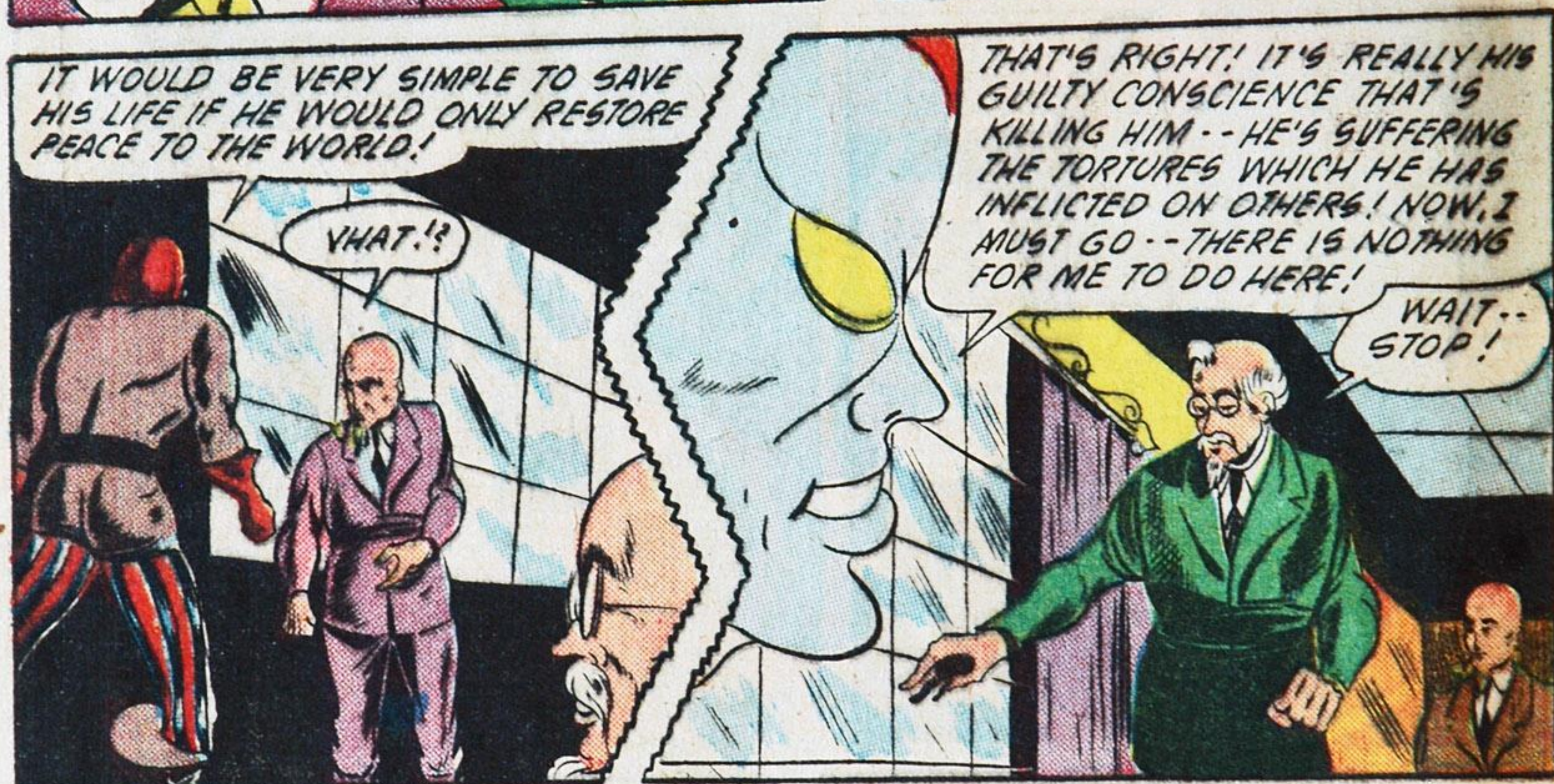
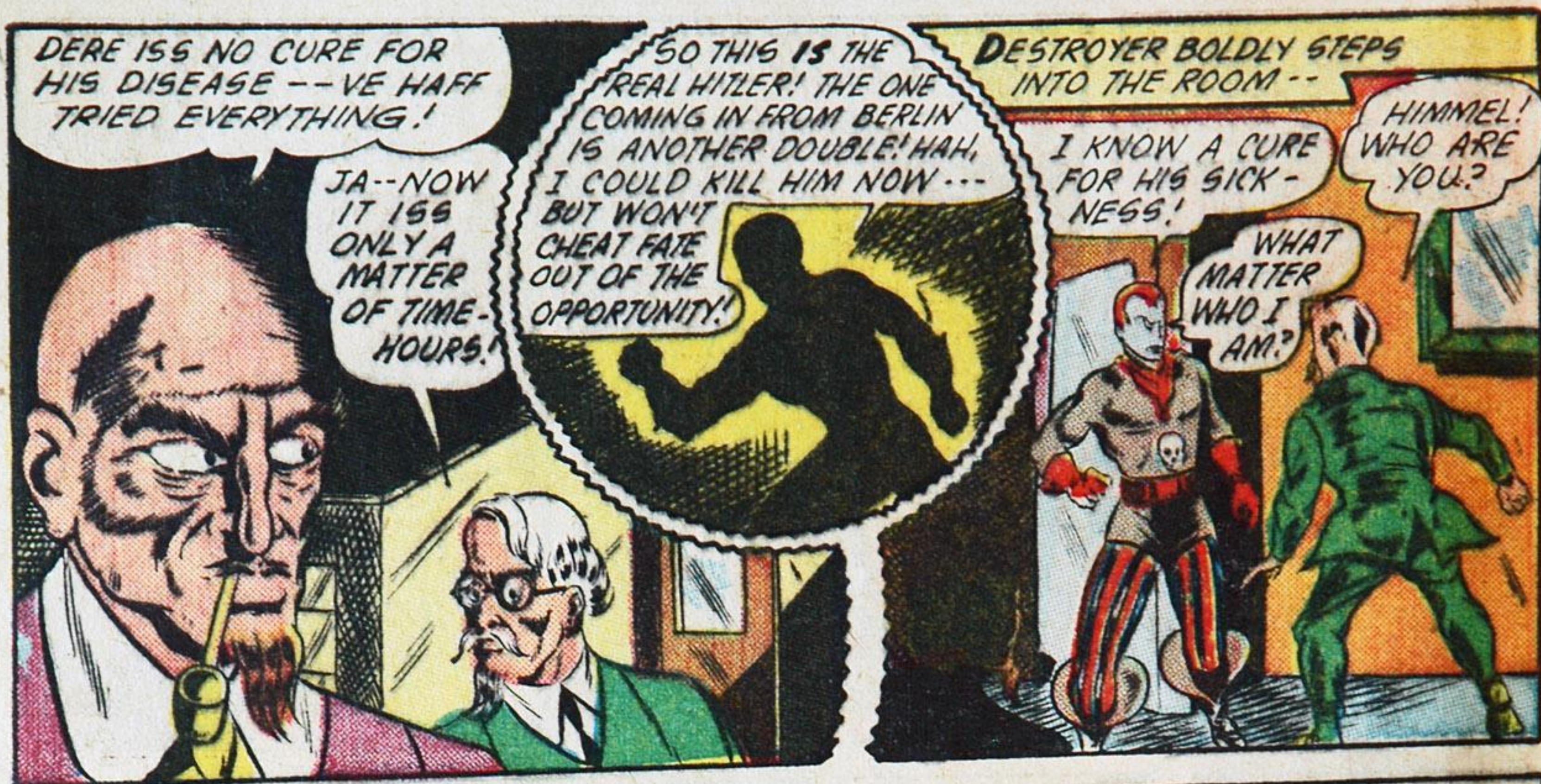
THE DESTROYER INVESTIGATES--

HE'S A VERY
SICK MAN
IT IS TOO
FAR ALONG
NOW...

ACH, YES!
IF DER
FEUHRER
HAD ONLY
LISTENED
TO US YEARS
AGO!

DOCTORS!





Let's Play DETECTIVE

"THE MYSTERY OF
THE
GHOST KILLER"

by Allen Bellman

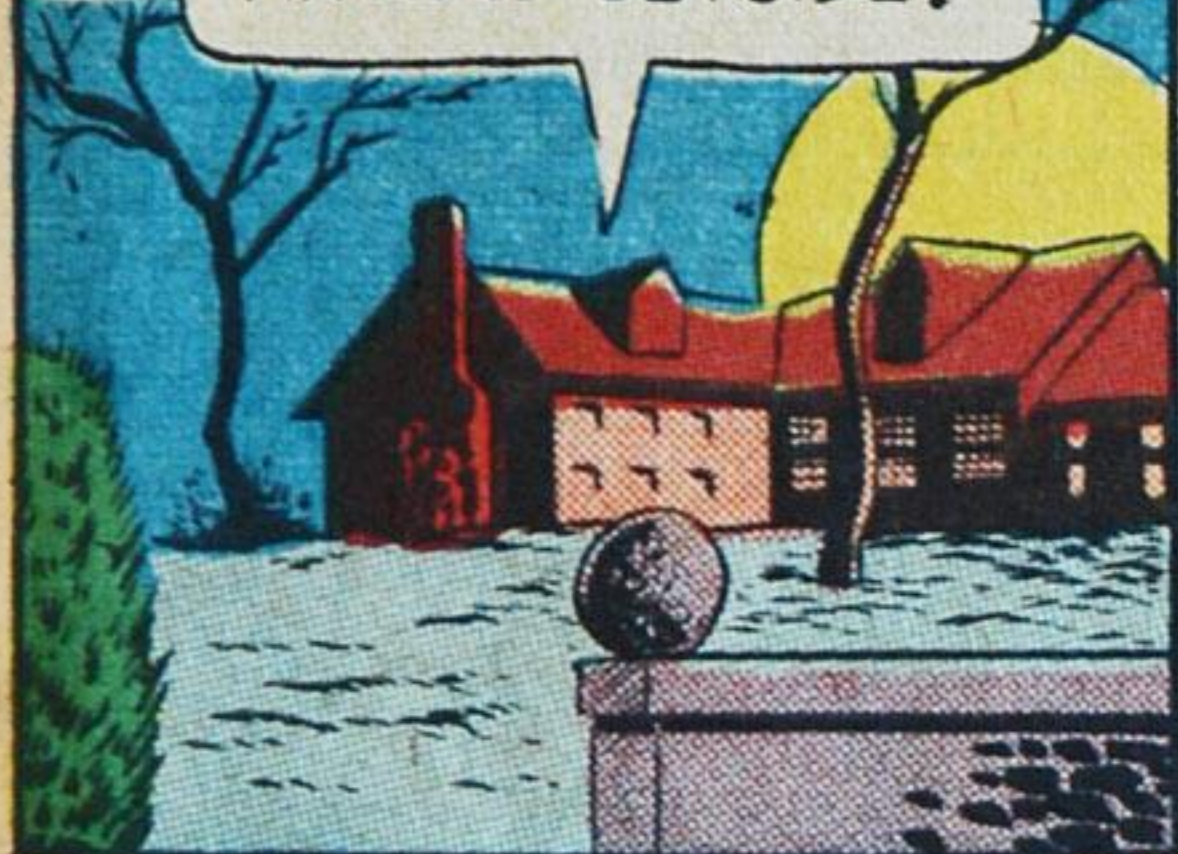
FLASH--HERE IS AN IMPORTANT
NEWS BULLETIN--RICHARD RANES,
NOTED AUTHOR OF THE CELEBRATED
ANTI-FASCIST BOOK "NAZIS IN
AMERICA" HAS BEEN FOUND
MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED
IN HIS PRIVATE STUDY!



BUT, MIKE--HOW DID THE
KILLER GAIN ENTRANCE
TO THE PRIVATE STUDY?
THE ROOM IS LOCATED
ON THE SECOND FLOOR--
THE DOOR WAS LOCKED
FROM THE INSIDE--WE
HAD TO BREAK DOWN
THE DOOR OURSELVES!



THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING
TO FIND OUT, RYAN---COME
ON! LET'S TAKE A LOOK
AROUND OUTSIDE!



HMM! THIS IS JUST
BELOW THE ROOM
WHERE RANES WAS
MURDERED--OH,
OH--WHAT'S THIS!



RYAN--ROUND
UP THE FAMILY
HOUSEHOLD
FOR QUESTION-
ING!

SURE
THING,
MIKE!



MR. RANES LIVED HERE BY
HIMSELF---WE, THE HOUSE-
HOLD STAFF, WERE THE
ONLY ONES PRESENT AT
THE TIME OF MR. RANES'
DEATH!

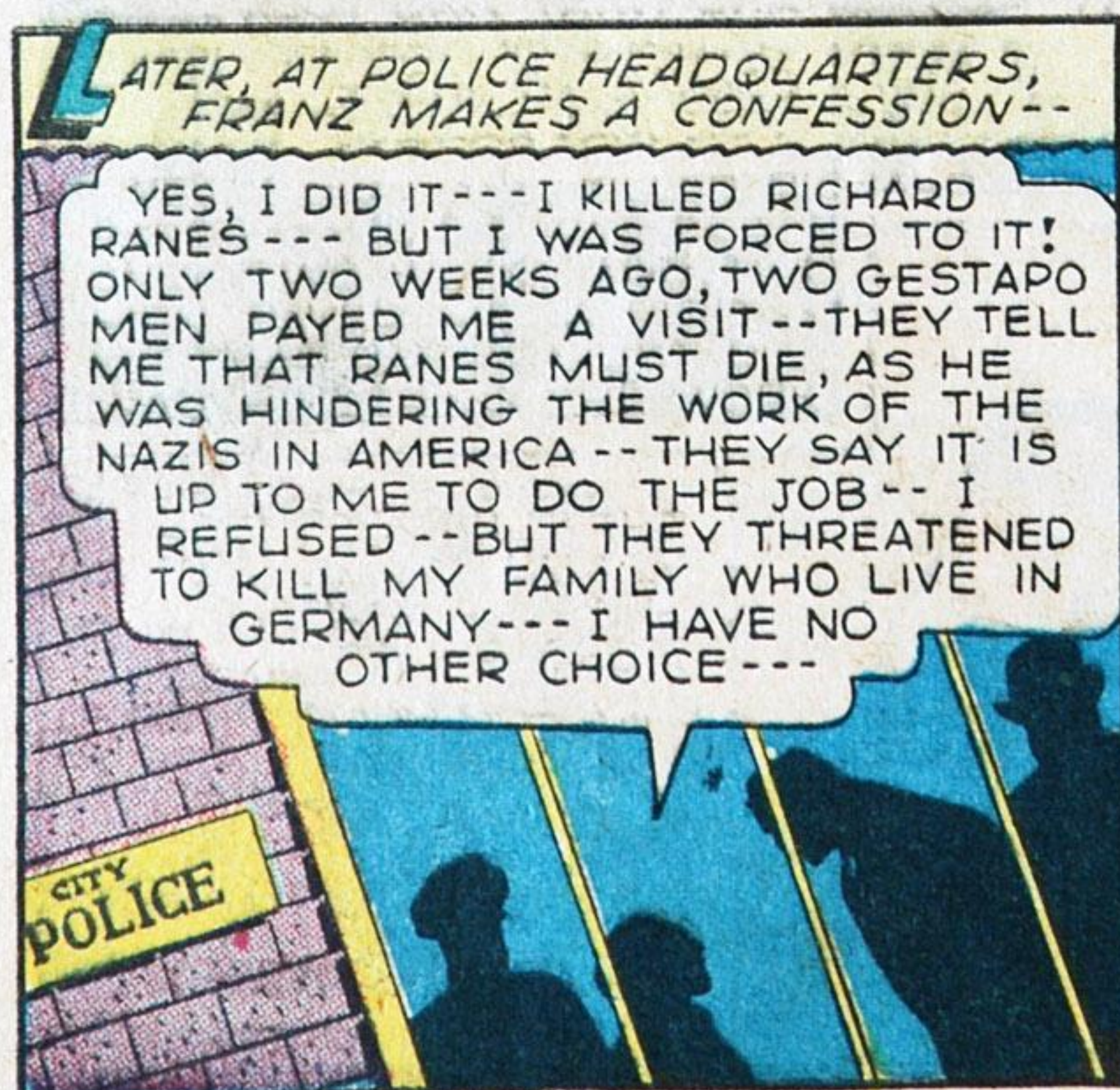


OKAY THEN--I'LL START
WITH YOU--YOU'RE THE
BUTLER--I GATHER--TELL
ME--WHERE WERE YOU
AT THE TIME RICHARD
RANES WAS MURDERED?
AND WHAT WAS YOUR
OCCUPATION BEFORE
COMING TO WORK
FOR MR. RANES?

I WAS IN THE KITCHEN HAVING
A SNACK--AS FOR MY OCCUPA-
TION PRIOR TO MY EMPLOYMENT
HERE, I WORKED FOR THE
VANDERRIFTS FOR A
GOOD MANY YEARS!



I WAS MR. RANES'
SECRETARY--I WAS
MIXING MYSELF A
DRINK AT THE BAR WHEN
I HEARD MR. RANES
CALL FOR HELP! I WORKED
WITH MR. RANES FOR
MANY YEARS--BUT BE-
FORE BECOMING HIS
SECRETARY, I WAS CON-
NECTED WITH A
PUBLISHING CONCERN!



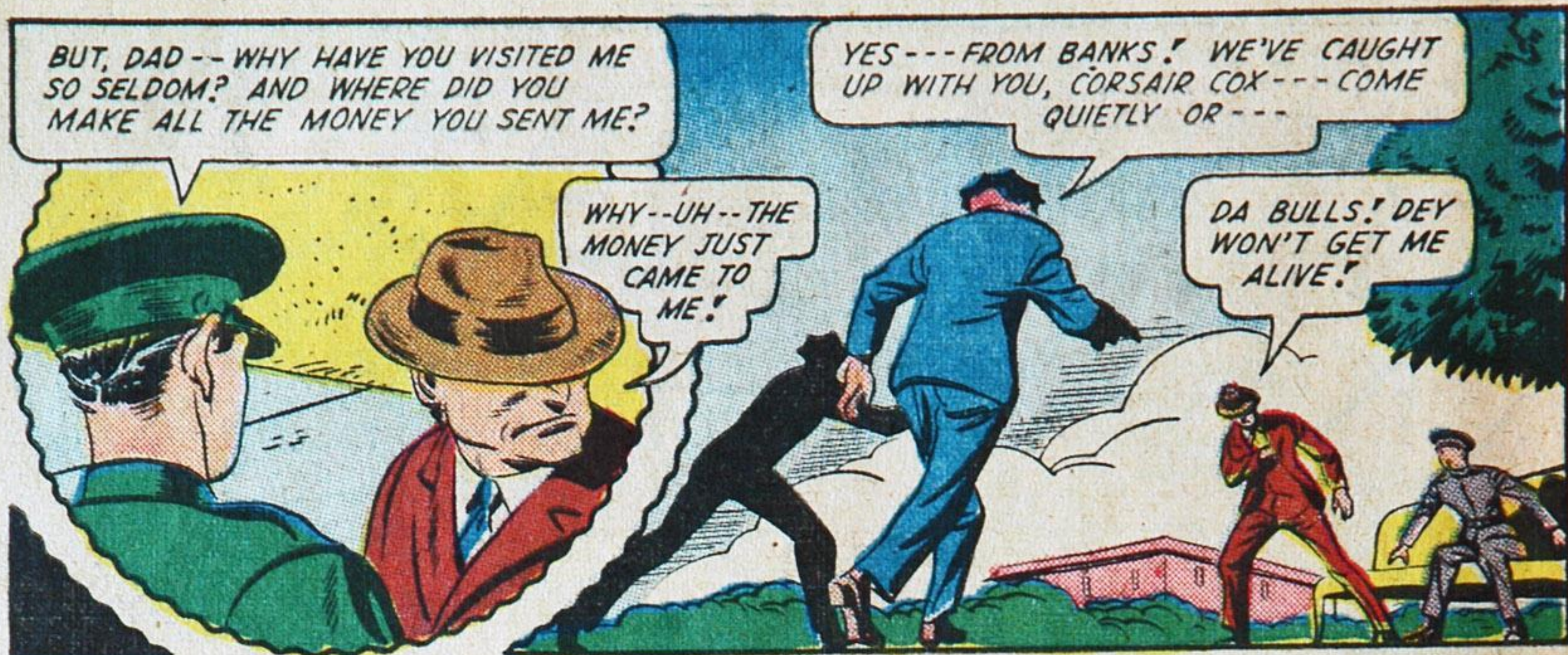


AT MANSON MILITARY ACADEMY, YOUNG CADET BILL COX IS VISITED BY HIS FATHER ---

GEE, DAD! I GRADUATE IN A MONTH AND I'LL GO IN THE AIR CORP AS A LIEUTENANT, THANKS TO YOU! IT'S YOUR MONEY THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE!



I'M GLAD YOU'RE MAKIN' GOOD, SON! THAT'S ALL I ASK!



BUT, DAD --- WHY HAVE YOU VISITED ME SO SELDOM? AND WHERE DID YOU MAKE ALL THE MONEY YOU SENT ME?

YES --- FROM BANKS! WE'VE CAUGHT UP WITH YOU, CORSAIR COX --- COME QUIETLY OR ---

WHY--UH--THE MONEY JUST CAME TO ME!

DA BULLS! DEY WON'T GET ME ALIVE!



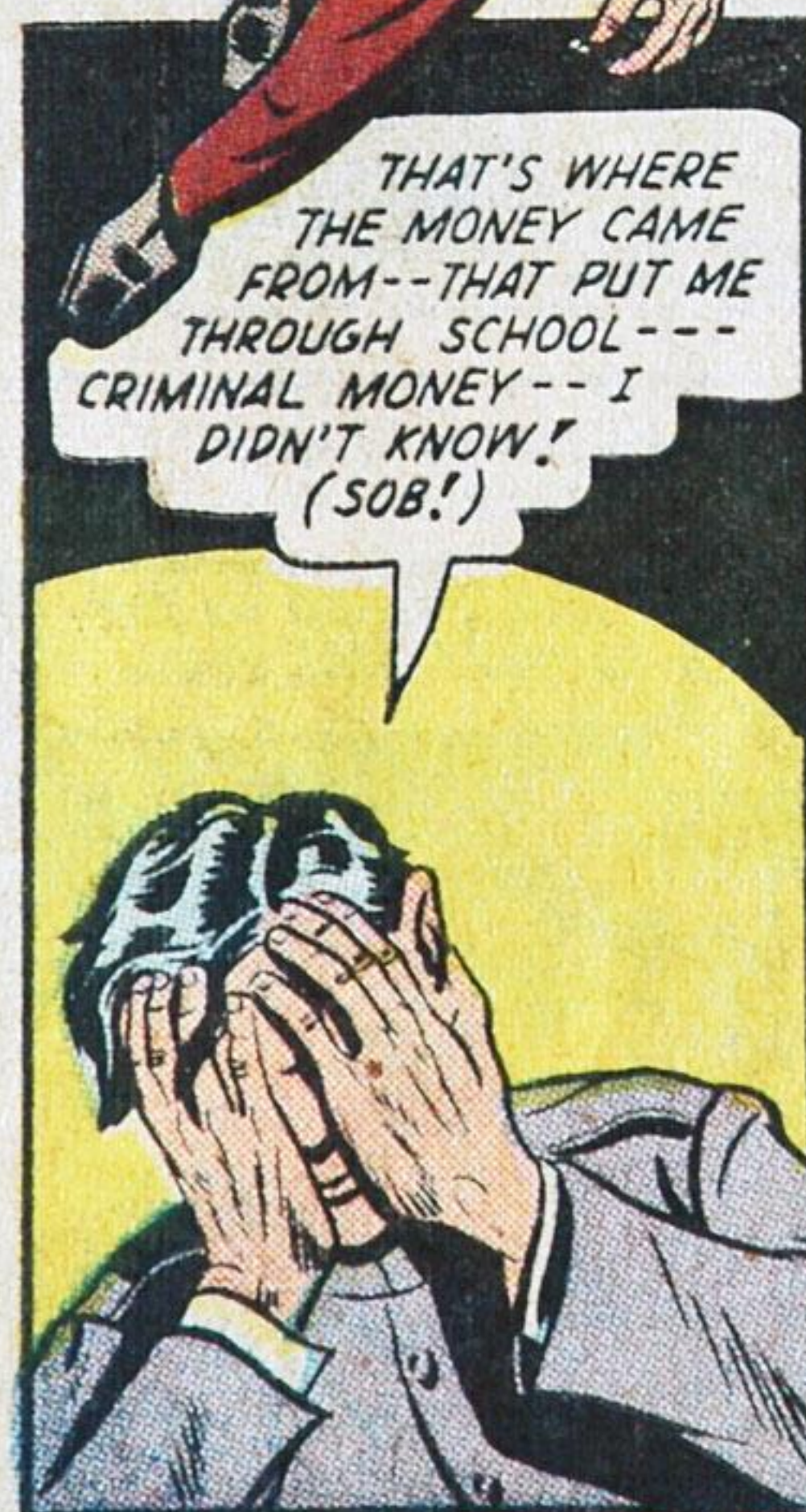
AGHHHHH!

DAD --- NO!



YOU MURDERERS! WHY DID YOU SHOOT HIM? WHAT HAS HE DONE?

I GUESS YOU DIDN'T KNOW, MY BOY! HE WAS CORSAIR COX, BIGGEST BANDIT OF RECENT YEARS!



THAT'S WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM---THAT PUT ME THROUGH SCHOOL--- CRIMINAL MONEY--- I DIDN'T KNOW! (SOB!)



BUT THE DAZED BROKEN HEARTED BOY LATER LEAVES THE ACADEMY IN FRENZIED RAGE!

WAIT, LAD! DON'T GO! UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU!

UNCLE SAM--BAH! I'M THROUGH!



HIS YOUNG MIND TWISTED AND TORN, THE BOY DESERTS HIS FORMER LIFE AND HURLS A GRIM CHALLENGE TO THE CRUEL WORLD!

KILL MY FATHER, WILL THEY? I'LL HAVE REVENGE! I'LL BE A CRIMINAL TOO! LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!



THE NEXT DAY, JACK ROBINSON, ALIAS THE WHIZZER, READS THE STORY---

BANDIT SLAIN! SON VOWS VENGEANCE!

FATHER SHOT BEFORE HIS EYES! BOY DID NOT KNOW HIS FATHER WAS A CRIMINAL! HE LEFT ACADEMY, VOWING REVENGE AGAINST SOCIETY!

IN A DEN OF CRIME, WE FIND---

OKAY, COX! YER FIRST JOB IS A RUB OUT FER US! ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

DO I? I'LL MURDER AND STEAL RIGHT AND LEFT! I'LL MAKE THE WORLD SUFFER FOR MY DAD'S DEATH!

JACK SEES THE CRIME DEED!

OKAY, BILL! PLUG DAT GUY! HE'S FROM A RIVAL GANG!

IT'S THAT BOY--- ABOUT TO ENTER A LIFE OF CRIME!

THE WHIZZER ACTS!

D-DA WHIZZER!

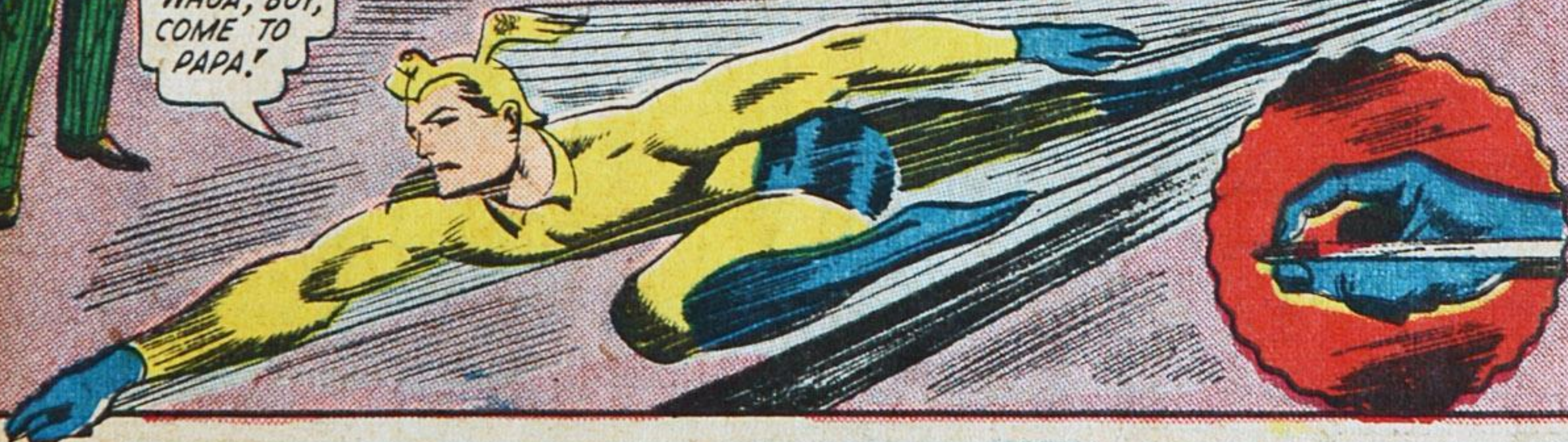
DON'T SHOOT YOU YOUNG FOOL!

BAM!

TOO LATE! HA! HA! THERE GOES THE BULLET! HA-- HA-- HA--

BUT THE FASTEST HUMAN ON EARTH DARTS AFTER THE SPEEDING BULLET, AND ---

WHOA, BOY, COME TO PAPA!



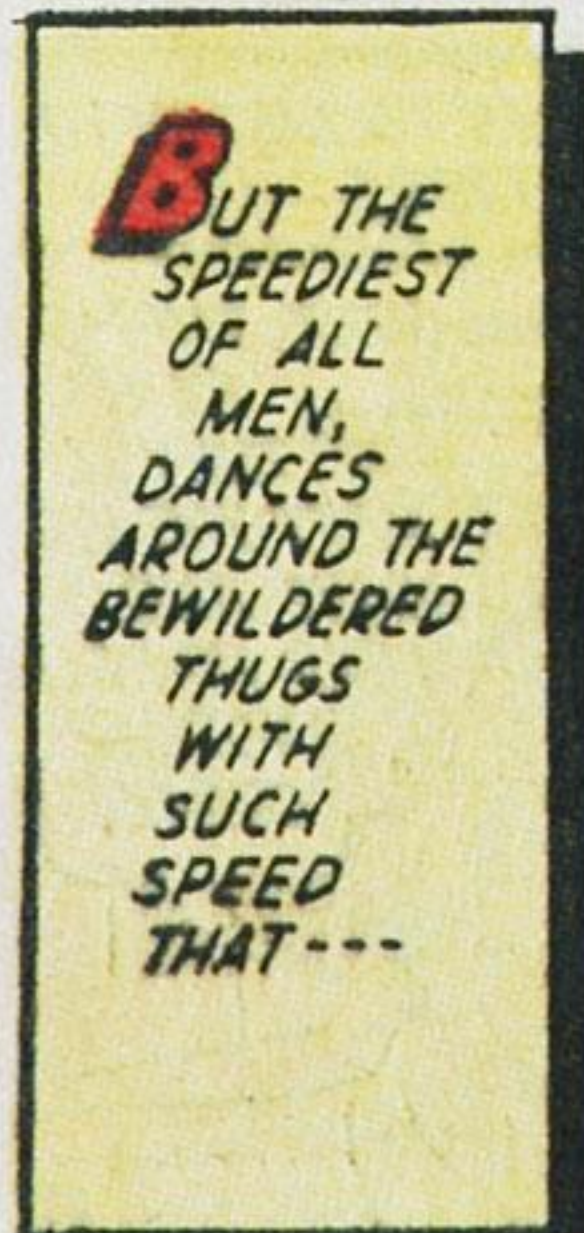
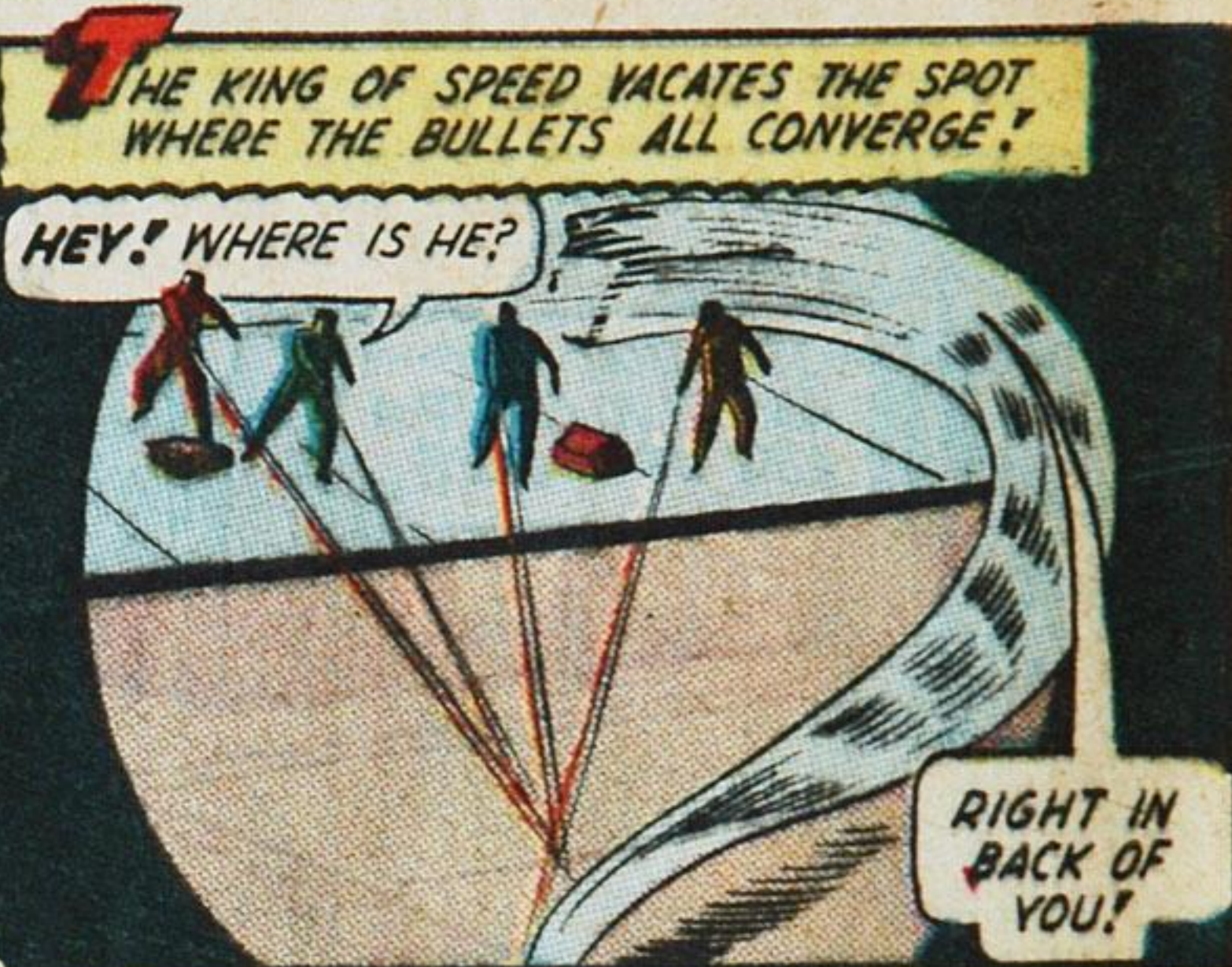
YOU STILL HAVEN'T COMMITTED YOUR FIRST CRIME! YOU CAN STILL GO STRAIGHT! YOUR DAD WANTED YOU TO!

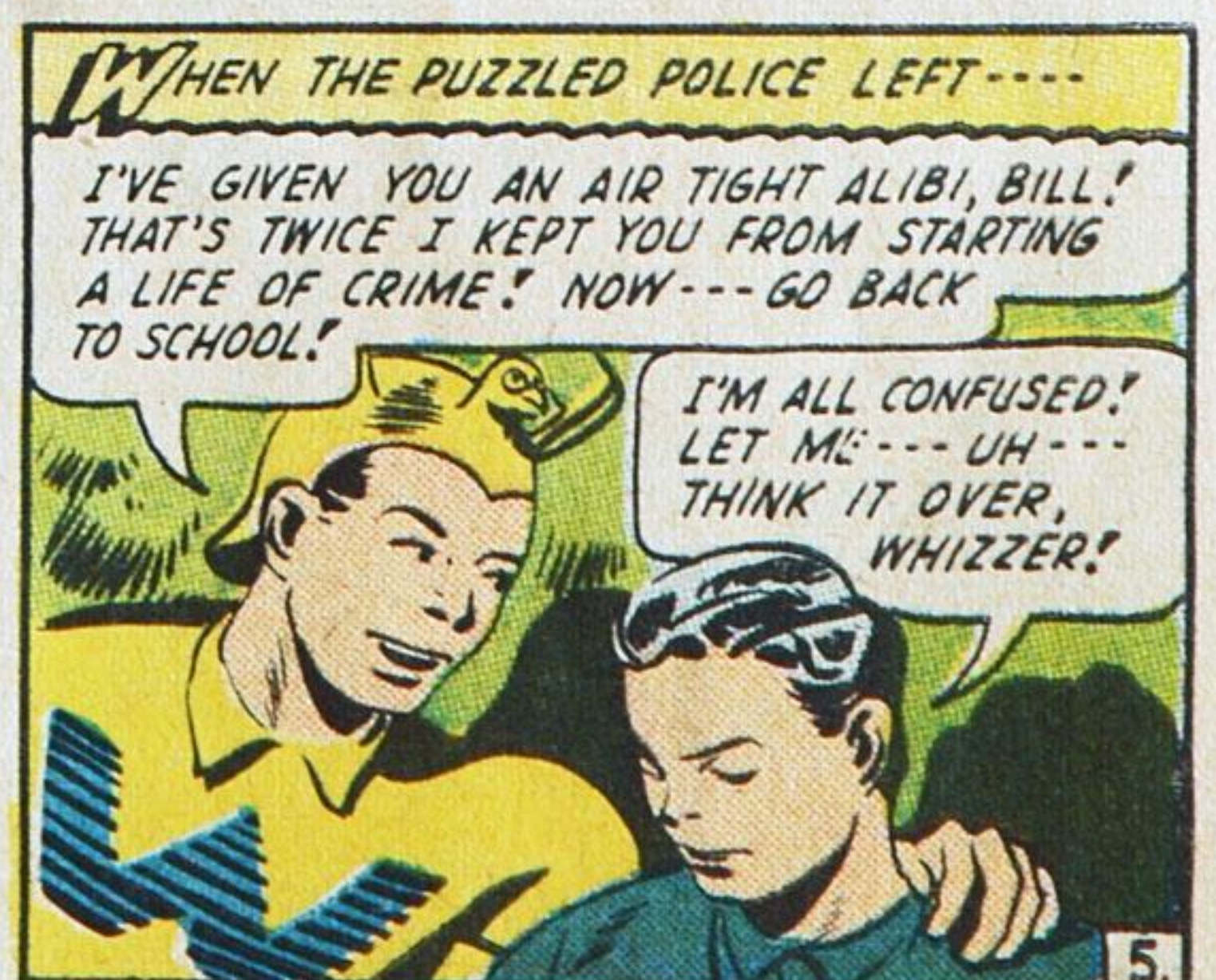
BILL REFUSES TO LISTEN TO THE WHIZZER!

SHUT UP! LEAVE ME ALONE!

DOGGONE, THAT'S BAD! THEY'LL MEET THE KID AGAIN AND LEAD HIM INTO ANOTHER CRIME!







OKAY! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! IF YOU NEED ANY MONEY, CALL AT THE HOME OF MY FRIEND, JACK ROBINSON! HE'LL HELP YOU!

THE NEXT NIGHT, JACK ROBINSON WAITS PATIENTLY AT HIS APARTMENT.....

I HOPE HE COMES! IF HE DOESN'T, IT MEANS HE'S DECIDED ON HIS CRIMINAL CAREER! AH! A KNOCK AT THE DOOR!

HELLO, BILL-- GOSH, I'M GLAD YOU ---- WAIT--- WHO'S WITH YOU???

NAZI AGENTS, YOU FOOL!

UP MIT DER HANDS, SWINE!

TALK, PIG! YOU ARE A FRIEND OF DER WHIZZER! TELL US HIS SECRET OF SPEED! VE WANT TO USE IT IN DER NAZI ARMY!

WHY NOT LET THE WHIZZER HIMSELF TELL HIS SECRET? HERE HE COMES NOW!

HUH?

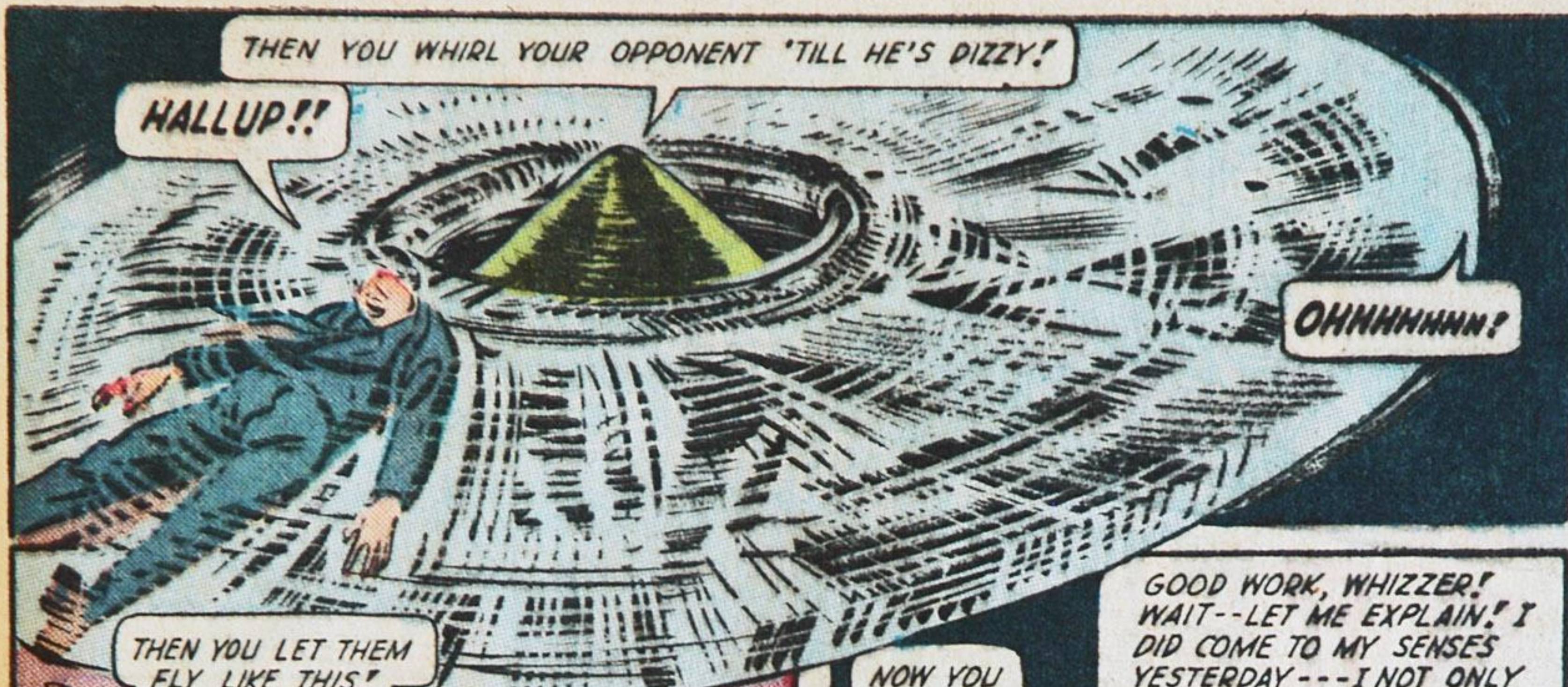
FAR SWIFTER THAN THE EYE CAN SEE ---KEEPING HIS DOUBLE ROLE A SECRET, WHIZZER MAKES GOOD HIS APPEARANCE!

HELLO! I DIDN'T KNOW JACK HAD COMPANY!

GOOT! DER WHIZZER! NOW YOU VILL SHOW US DER SECRET OF YOUR SPEED OR ELSE--

ACH --- HIMMEL!

GLAD TO OBLIGE! LESSON NUMBER ONE ---- YOU BECOME A HUMAN TOP --- LIKE THIS!



THEN YOU WHIRL YOUR OPPONENT 'TILL HE'S DIZZY!

HALLUP!!

OHNNNNNNN!

THEN YOU LET THEM FLY LIKE THIS!

NOW YOU LITTLE--

GOOD WORK, WHIZZER! WAIT--LET ME EXPLAIN! I DID COME TO MY SENSES YESTERDAY---I NOT ONLY WANTED TO GO STRAIGHT, BUT ATONE FOR WHAT I HAD DONE! SO WHEN THESE NAZIS CONTACTED ME, I LED THEM HERE!



YOW!



GOSH! I'M TOO EAGER TO GET BACK TO THE ACADEMY! I CAN HARDLY WAIT! I WISH I WAS---



--- BACK THERE NOW!

YOU ARE BACK, BILL! NOW GET BACK IN YOUR CADET UNIFORM! IN A MONTH, YOU'RE GOING TO BE ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S BEST PILOTS! I'M SURE OF IT!



SOME TIME LATER -----

YOU'VE MADE UP FOR YOUR FATHER, KID--- TEN TIMES OVER!

LT. WM COX HERO!

YOUNG COX SINGLE-HANDEDLY DOWNED NINE JAP ZEROS!

THE END



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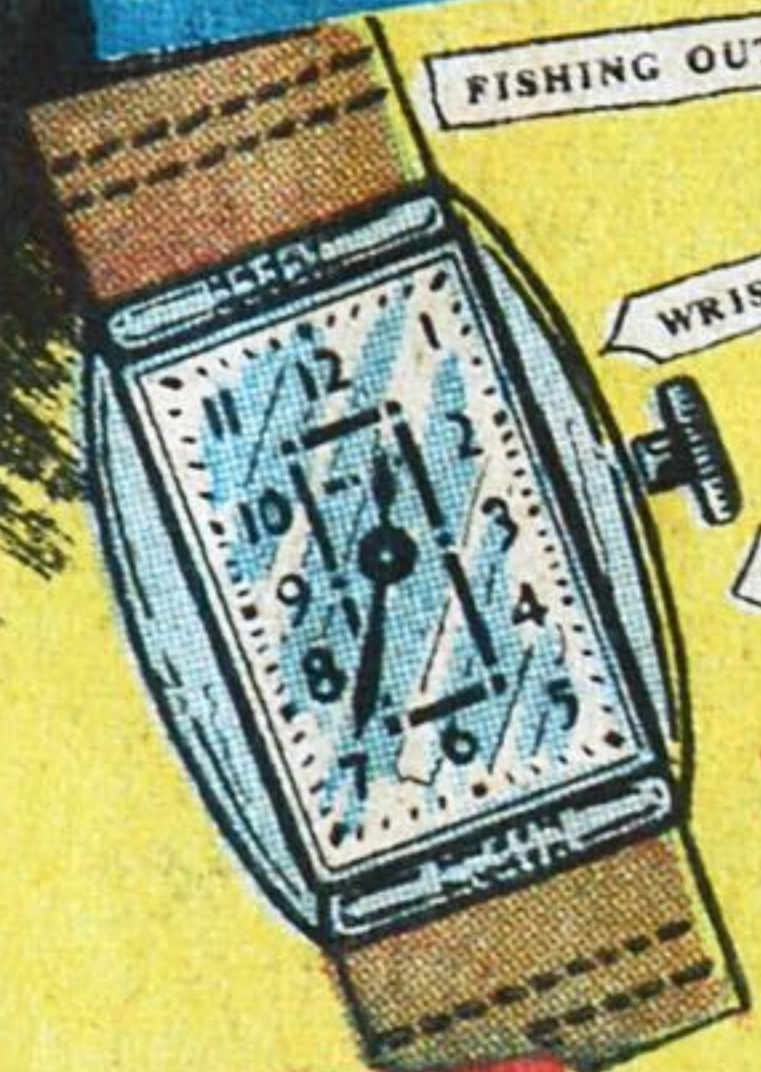
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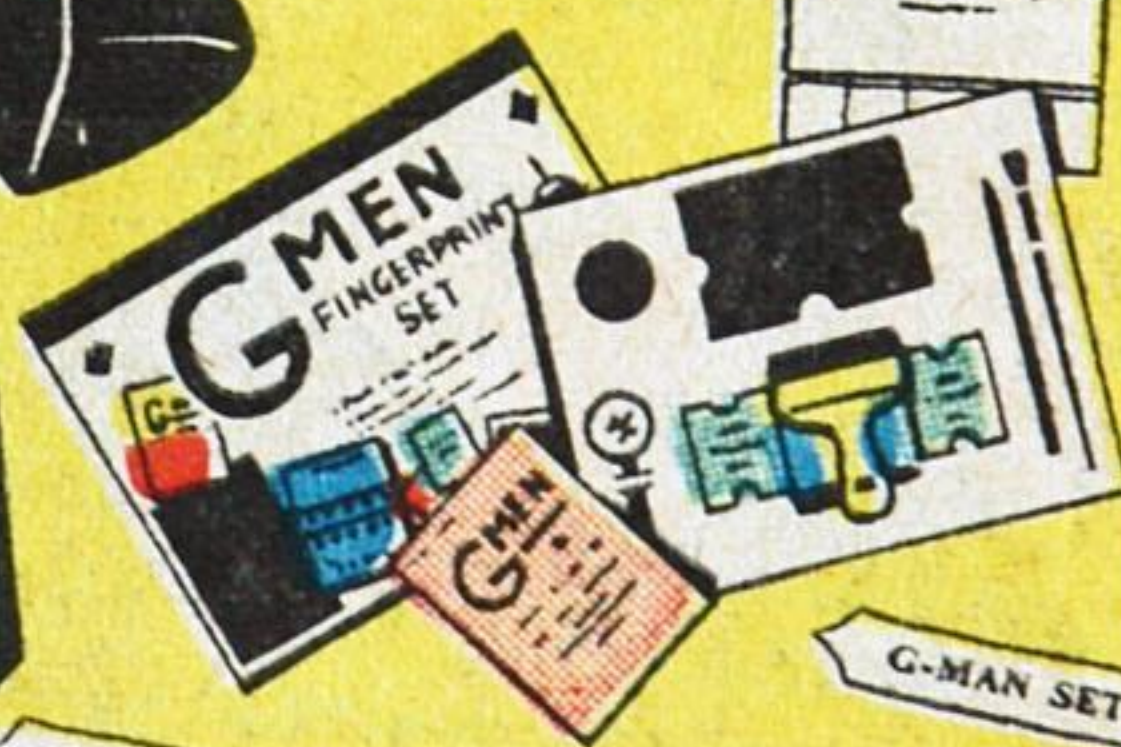


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YU MAKE IT?

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AN X-ACTO
SET—FOR
SPEED AND
ACCURACY!

SOME KNIFE!
AND THE
BLADES ARE
SO EASY TO
RENEW, TOO!

OH, SURE—
IN ABOUT A
SECOND; 8
BLADES, TOO
—ONE FOR
EACH JOB!

HERE'S THE PAY-
OFF—A BIG, DETAILED
INSTRUCTION BOOK—
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GEE! I WANT
TO MAKE NAVY
MODELS, TOO!
I'LL ASK DAD
FOR A SET!

OO, GEE,
DAD—
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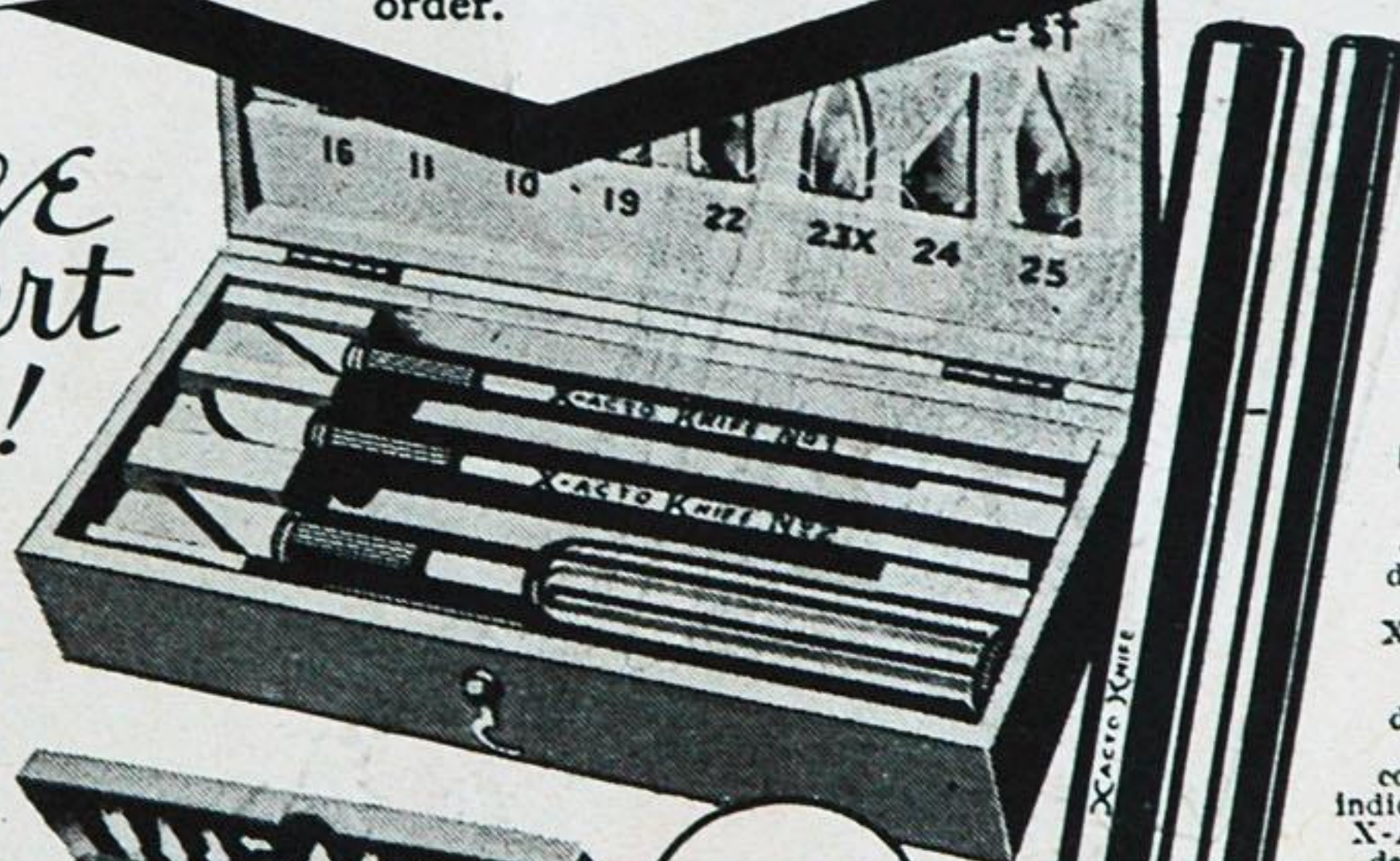
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